

50,000 RUSSIAN RIFLES AND 2000 GUNS TAKEN

BERLIN, Feb. 28. (British admiralty per wireless press.)—Germany's military operations on the northern Russian front are taking their normal course, the German general staff announces today. Another Estonian regiment has placed itself under command of the German staff.

In Minsk the Germans captured 50,000 rifles and 2000 machine guns.

The text of the statement follows: "Eastern theatre: Operations are taking their regular course. In Estonia the fourth Estonian regiment also has placed itself under our command, to clear the country of bands overrunning it."

"In Minsk (occupied by the Germans Feb. 21), 2000 machine guns and 50,000 rifles were captured."

No Further Word from Francis

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—No further word from Ambassador Francis as to his plans for leaving Petrograd had been received here early today and Secretary Lansing, when asked about unofficial reports that the ambassador and some of the other ambassadors had departed, declared the state department had no information whatever.



PATRICK B. CLARK

NEW LIQUOR SQUAD ON DUTY TODAY

Patrick B. Clark and Michael H. Winn, who yesterday were appointed members of the liquor squad by Mayor Perry D. Thompson, to take the places of Officers Palmer, Dwyer, Lennon and Noyes, started on their new duties today. Both officers are among the younger members of the department and owing to their activity and general knowledge of police work, have been assigned to beats which require bright and energetic officers.

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The net proceeds of the lecture will go to the Knights of Columbus and the Red Triangle. The lecture has been arranged under the auspices of the Bunting club. Mayor Thompson will preside.

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Nine industries had a greater pay

Chaffoux's

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Today is the last day of February and the last day of our great February Furniture Sale.

If you have not taken advantage of this sale—do so today. Every piece of furniture on our fourth floor is either specially priced or marked 15 per cent. lower than regular.

Visit our fourth floor today.



MICHAEL H. WINN

NEW LIQUOR SQUAD ON DUTY TODAY

Patrolman Clark of late patrolled the beat on Central street early nights which keeps an officer busy from early night until after midnight, and his work was of such a nature that it has been recognized by his superior officers and on many occasions he has been commended.

Patrolman Winn has been a well known figure in Merrimack square at night, and his record as a police officer is a good one. He has figured in many important arrests and has rendered valuable assistance in furnishing clues which led to the arrest of men much wanted by the police.

The choice of Mayor Thompson, in selecting Messrs. Clark and Winn, is one that seems to have met with quite general approval.

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THE GREEK FLAG

We have nailed on our outer wall. Our compliments to the GREEK PEOPLE of Lowell. May they increase and may they continue to prosper. May they learn to apply the Greek national motto, "My Strength Is My People's Love," in full meaning, to the United States of America.

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Merrimack-Palmer Sts.

Savings Deposits—Begin Interest TODAY.

NOTICE

SPECIAL MEETING, BRICK-LAYERS' UNION

All members are requested to attend. Business of importance. For order.

F. J. WARREN, Pres.

Balfour Replies to Hertling, Sees No Basis for Peace in Chancellor's Speech

Declares Professed Acceptance of Pres. Wilson's Four Principles Only "Lip Service"—Germans Meet Resistance in Russia—Gas Attacks on American Sector—Aerial and Artillery Activity on Western Front

No basis for peace is found in the speech of Count von Hertling by A. J. Balfour, the British secretary for foreign affairs. In making the first official reply to the German chancellor in the house of commons he rejected the German suggestions concerning Belgium and said that the chancellor's professed acceptance of President Wilson's four principles was only "lip service."

He declared that Germany changed her policies to suit her needs and that von Hertling offered no new proposals.

Germans Meet Resistance

In their advance into Russia the Germans are meeting with more resistance and apparently have been unable to make much headway from Pskov toward Petrograd.

Russians Drive Germans Back

Tuesday they made no progress, or

at least, Berlin reports none, while in the south the greatest gains were made in the Ukraine. A German attempt to take Vitebsk near the center of the front, failed before Russian resistance which forced the enemy to retire Petrograd.

Gas Attack on American Sector

The American sector in France on Wednesday again was subjected to an attack by gas shells which had little effect. Tuesday's two gas attacks caused five deaths and the poisoning of about 60 American soldiers. The majority of those affected are not in a serious condition. German airplanes are still active over the American front, 27 having crossed the line Wednesday.

Great Aerial Activity

Aerial and artillery fighting on the

British and French fronts is most severe. Eighteen German airplanes were brought down by the French and British guns and airmen, while Berlin claims to have accounted for 15 enemy machines. German airplanes, railway junctions, and other military targets continue to be bombed by allied airmen.

Ship Losses For Week

British shipping losses for the week show an increase over the previous period. Eighteen merchantmen, 14 of more than 1000 tons, were sunk by submarines or mines, as compared with 15, including 12 of large tonnage, the week before. France and Italy lost no ships of large tonnage and France only one vessel of less than 1000 tons. Another Spanish ship, the Sarniero, the sixth in five weeks, is reported to have been torpedoed by a German submarine.

JAPAN'S MOVE WIDELY DISCUSSED BY OFFICIALS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Japan's move to develop the feeling of the allies toward a proposal for joint military operations in Siberia, to keep the vast stores at Vladivostok and also the trans-Siberian railway from falling into the hands of the German invaders at Russia, was widely discussed today among diplomats and officials, but all were reluctant to give opinions for publication.

Opinion in London that the declaration by the Japanese foreign minister, Count Motono, in the Japanese diet, could only be interpreted as a declaration that Japan was about to intervene was regarded as further evidence of the negotiations now proceeding toward the co-belligerents to make the action of an international character, probably including the participation of American forces.

While all officials here are silent and disposed to minimize discussion of the subject, it is known that changes of opinion are going on with the object of a perfect understanding among Japan, the United States and the other co-belligerents which would make the plan of joint action wholly acceptable to all and thoroughly define its extent and duration.

Russian representatives here oppose action by the Japanese in Siberia, but the co-belligerents are thoroughly alarmed lest the vast quantities of supplies piled up at Vladivostok, bought and paid for with American cash, should fall into the hands of the Germans.

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INQUEST INTO DEATH OF MOTOR MAN INJURED IN TEWKSBURY BURY JULY 4

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The finding is in part as follows: "At quarter past eight o'clock on the evening of July 4th last past two railway cars that were owned and operated by the Bay State Street Railway company left Merrimack square in said Lowell on a trip to Reading, in said county. By reason of the large amount of travel at the time, two cars were on the trip, the regular car and a special car behind the regular car. They were large semi-converter cars, with arc lights that were lighted. When the said cars were started from Merrimack square in Lowell the regular car was a considerable distance ahead of the special car, which followed behind on the same track. When the regular car was being operated a short distance below Chandler's corner, near Luff's crossing, in the town of Tewksbury, about 8 o'clock p. m., the motorman operating the regular car saw an automobile on the track in front of his car. He slackened the speed of his car and stopped within a few feet of the automobile; looking behind he saw the special car running rapidly toward the rear end of the regular car; he stepped on the platform of his car and told the passengers in it not to be alarmed; a few minutes afterwards the front end of the special car ran into the rear end of the regular car, breaking in the window of the vestibule of that car and doing other damage to it. John Looman, the motorman who was operating the special car in the rear of the regular car, sustained injuries when the cars collided. He was at once sent in an automobile to the hospital at the state infirmary in said Tewksbury, where he died from the injuries that he had received on the 11th day of July. He lived in said Lowell and was about 27 years of age.

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ASKS CONGRESS TO FORCE PACKERS TO SHOW FILES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Special and speedy legislation to lay bare the confidential files of the great meat packers, and disclose what government investigators believe will show plans to take complete control of the meat industry, is asked of congress by the federal trade commission.

On recommendation of Francis J. Heney, special counsel conducting the commission's investigation who has been retained by court orders from seeing further papers and also from taking those already seized by his agents, the commission today laid the facts before congress and asked for action.

Charging that Henry Veeder, counsel for the packers, "is still the custodian of many papers which have been used as instrumentalities in the commission of felonies," Mr. Heney asked for a supplement to the espionage law to facilitate the government's inquiry into the industry.

After Federal Judge Landis of Chicago had issued a search warrant authorizing the seizure of important documents in the possession of Mr. Veeder, the federal circuit court of appeals restrained a marshal from removing or examining any of the papers in Veeder's vault and further from examining or in any way using papers already seized by the government.

used for the commission of a felony, shall likewise be conclusive for the purpose only of enabling the court to retain such property in the custody of the law until the purpose for its seizure shall have been served."

The action of the appellate court in issuing the stay, said Mr. Heney, prevented the government from even examining papers already in its possession which a federal district court had found had been used "as the means of committing felonies by Swift & Co., and other corporations."

In its letter to Vice-President Marshall, as president of the senate, the federal trade commission described this question "as one of such vital importance to its work and possibly the work of other departments of the government as to require its calling the matter to the attention of congress."

Counsel Heney in his letter declared that Mr. Veeder at the beef trust trial in 1912, after the statute of limitations against him had expired, had testified that for many years his office was the clearing house for the live big packers in a criminal conspiracy which they maintained for the fixing of prices and the control of the meat industry.

The evidence which we have gathered in the present investigation, continued Mr. Heney, "strongly tends to prove that this conspiracy, with some slight modification to its scope and purpose, has continued in existence ever since and is still active and that Veeder is still the custodian of many papers which have been used in the pursuance thereof as instrumentalities in the commission of felonies."

"The Swift, Armour, Morris, Wilson and Cudahy packing companies are specifically mentioned in the alleged 'commission of felonies.'"

WANTS ESPIONAGE LAW AMENDED

Specifically Mr. Heney asked that congress amend or supplement the espionage act so that the "decision of a judge who issues a search warrant shall be conclusive upon the question of the existence of probable cause, and that a summary proceeding already provided by the statute, for the determination of the question of whether the property seized under the writ was

HOUSE AMENDS RAILWAY BILL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—The house today amended a railway bill to place the rate making power in the interstate commerce commission. The vote was 161 to 157. As reported by the house interstate commerce committee, the bill proposed that power in the president. The senate made a similar amendment.

WILL OF LOWELL WOMAN FILED IN PROBATE COURT AT CAMBRIDGE

The will of Mary J. Brown, of Lowell, who died February 8, 1918, has been filed in the probate court at Cambridge. James F. Savage, of Lowell, is named as executor. The estate is valued at \$3500; \$7500 in real estate and \$1000 in personal property. She leaves what money she has in the County Institution for Savings at Lowell to St. Paul's M.E. church of Lowell, the income of which is to be used for music at the church.

MINOR-DOYLE'S ASSOCIATE, FRIDAY EVE, DRIVE BY LADIES OF CHARITY FOR NEW MEMBERS BIG SUCCESS

Miss Rose A. Dowd, general chairman of the Ladies of Charity of St. John's hospital campaign for 1000 new members stated this noon that the campaign is progressing very favorably and that she is gratified with the response that is being made.

Although no exact figures are at hand yet to indicate just how many new members have been obtained, nevertheless, there is but little doubt that the drive is meeting with success. Unofficial returns place the immediate campaign parish in the lead in the total number obtained but Mrs. Francis R. Mahony in St. Margaret's parish is the individual leader. She has already turned in 110 names.

The annual fee for membership in the organization is \$1. Gentlemen may become honorary members. The money goes to St. John's hospital.

The campaign will close next Saturday afternoon when the chairman the various parishes will meet with Miss Dowd at St. John's and at this time the final reports will be made.

The fact that the building of an addition to St. John's has very recently been started lends a very timely touch to the present campaign. The cost of this new building and the cost of maintaining the new or extended departments that will be open will, of course, be heavy and by becoming a member of the Ladies of Charity Lowell people can assist in a very material way in alleviating these burdens.

MOVE TO AVERT STRIKE OF TELEPHONE GIRLS

BOSTON, Feb. 28.—The state board of conciliation and arbitration announced today that a hearing would be held tomorrow to determine the causes for a threatened strike by operators employed by the New England Telephone & Telegraph Co., in a number of cities in Massachusetts. Officers of the company and representatives of the workers were ordered to attend.

The operators have asked for an increase in wages which would make their pay the same as that of women employed by the company in Boston, who recently were given a raise of \$2 a week.

STRIKE VOTE AT SPRINGFIELD

SPRINGFIELD, Feb. 28.—The 500 telephone operators in the district comprising this city, Holyoke, Northampton, Chicopee and Westfield were balloting today on the question of striking for a 10 per cent. increase in wages. While the balloting was secret, those who had voted to noon were said to have announced themselves almost unanimously in favor of strike action.

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J. W. FOSTER, S.G.

JOHN ORRILL, L.B.

PORT IN FRANCE AMERICANIZED

A PORT IN FRANCE, Feb. 28.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press.) (Released today.) As far as it is possible to Americanize any French city, this base of the American armies has undergone the process since the first troops arrived last June. Collectively it talks English quite fluently—much more so than the visitors speak French at any rate—and its shops have taken on an American air.

Likewise the months have quieted the exuberance that expressed itself in jammed and crowded streets and cafes, noise and exhilaration at the time of the arrival of the first American troops. This in part can be laid to the fact that about five-tenths of the city has been placed "out of bounds" for all not equipped with special passes; so that the "dives" and other undesirable establishments that at one time threatened to spring up have died of inanition.

Scarcely a store now but flaunts its wares with tags and comments in English, and the store keepers have profited by the constant succession of American customers to learn a fair brand of English. Nine out of ten of them at least are able to conduct a sale in English, while not one of ten of the customers could get what he wanted if he had to rely on French.

Some of the English of course is ragged, and a compendium of the signs displayed in the main street shops would furnish an excellent basis for a treatise on "English as she is written." There is for example the "House Taking Charge of Parcels." Everyone got a receipt which lies adjacent to the store featuring a model warmly clad in what the proprietor fondly believes is a "French Coat." Thus a large nation and curio store, situated on a corner, has painted both facades to represent a double American flag, with a single center piece containing the stars over the door at the corner. The topmost stripe on both sides bears the inscription, "Souvenirs, don't forget her." Occasionally the advertisements will say quite what was intended, even though they tell the truth, as for instance the sign over a store which reads, "money taken here."

Such announcements as "American breakfasts, 7 to 9 a. m." and "ice cream" appeal.

The naval element is perhaps most conspicuous by its absence. In June and July the streets swarmed with naval officers and sailors from the battleships and cruisers that formed part of each convoy.

More and more the city has come under the vise-like control of the American authorities. No resident ever may send a telegram to any point in France without submitting it to a local censorship that has been created at the suggestion of the Americans. The censor is the local police commissioner and he passes on all French messages that are not doubtful. Likewise his stamp is obligatory for telegram in English, but he will not wot the stamp until the American authorities have passed upon the matter.

No single individual leaves the city by train without submitting to an examination. Papers of identification, in many cases written official permission to leave, are necessary. The civilian falls inevitably into the hands of the zealous French who are co-operating with the Americans, while the man in uniform, especially the American khaki wearers, are handled by our military police.

Early last July the French, at the suggestion of the Americans, laid down exceptionally severe rules for the cafes, limiting to the lowest conceivable point—for this is the case during which men in uniform might be allowed in all public houses.

Later in the summer the French government issued rules governing the sale of spirituous liquors for all France. The two coming by chance in such a way that drinking for the soldiers is virtually out of the question at any hour—even for those limited few who are able to obtain passes to come into the "out of bounds" portion of the city that comprises all of the cafes.

The soldiers are on the whole intensely popular with the inhabitants. They are, for one thing, extremely kind to the French children, which strikes a responsive chord in the breasts of the mothers, particularly since it is not a French male custom to fondle and make much of the youngsters.

Then, too, a number of the military organizations have adopted each other and have given entertainments for French charities which not only have helped a lot of money, but which have been noted for their quality. The latest of these was a negro minstrel show which brought in over \$500 for the war widows of the port.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

The regular meeting of Lowell lodge, Loyal Order of Moose, was held last night in Odd Fellows hall. Dictator John E. MacCallum in the chair. There was a large attendance and considerable business was transacted during the evening. The feature of the meeting was the initiation of a large number of new members by the degree team under the direction of Capt. John B. Carter. The lodge voted to drape the curtain for a period of 30 days out of respect to the memory of the late brother, John J. Reagan, 11, of the late brother, John J. Reagan, 11, it was announced that at the next meeting of the lodge nominations of officers for the coming year would be made and judging by the number of prospective candidates mentioned, spirited contests for a number of offices will be in evidence. Under good of the order the following brothers made interesting remarks: Messrs. Charles Richards, Moses P. Broutcher, Ernest P. Parsons, George Tull and Arthur Papp.

The members of Ladd & Whitney circle, Ladies of the A. O. U. M., met in regular session last night in Post 155 hall, Mrs. Sarah Whitney presiding. Supper was served during the early part of the evening by the matrons Mrs. Albert Davis and Mrs. Arthur Hamblett. Two candidates were initiated and one balloted for. The circle received and accepted an invitation to spend a social afternoon and evening with the Ada Parson circle of Billerica, at the home of Mrs. Robinson in that town, on March 6. Mrs. Hall-Whitney of the same circle also invited this circle for March 29.

HELD UNION MEETING

A union meeting of the women of the Congregational churches was held yesterday afternoon in Kitchin hall and was addressed by Miss Olive G. Gibson, assistant principal of the Schaulter Military Training school of Cleveland, O. Her subject was "From the Steerage to the Teaching Ranks" or "How the Peasant Becomes a Social Leader." She told of the missionary work done with the foreigners, and how the women who receive the training themselves become valuable missionary workers and teachers. Mrs. Arthur C. Spaulding sang.

A Pittsfield man was walking down the street recently during a wind storm hanging on to his hat with one hand and holding his coat together with the other. A gust of wind blew his glasses off and they were carried along the sidewalk for more than a block without breaking.

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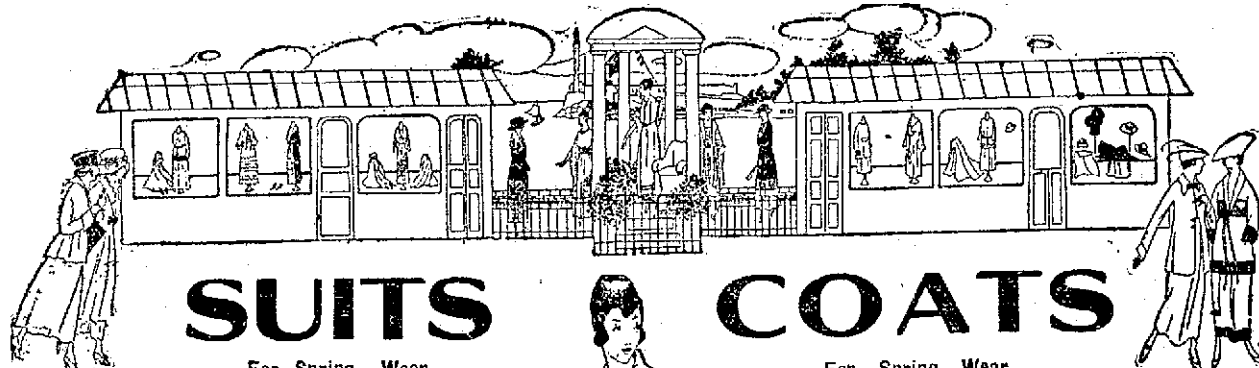
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Are exceptionally decorative. Fashion predicts a strong vogue in dresses this season. There is such a diversity of pretty styles that choosing becomes a pleasure. Each model possesses its own distinctive feature yet each blends itself so happily to the current styles.

\$14.95, \$15.98, \$16.50, \$17.95 up to \$39.50

COATS

For Spring Wear

The styles we are showing now constitute only those which have already won their way into the good graces of the Fashion Public for wear this season. The models have many attractive features and have been gathered from the style centers of America.

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Separate skirts will play an important part in the fashionable woman's wardrobe this spring. The styles and materials are unusually attractive and decidedly different from previous seasons. Authoritative styles are being shown here at

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Grosgrain Ribbons, No. 1 to No. 100, in all the wanted shades, special for millinery. Priced..... 15c to 89c Yard
New Bag Frames, in plain and fancy..... 50c to \$3.00
Baby Bonnet Bows, made while you wait. Priced..... 30c Up
Just arrived, Ribbons for the new collars. Priced

39c to \$3.75 Yard
Black Circ Ribbon, No. 3 to No. 80—Special for the new military hat trimming. Priced..... 15c to 59c Yard
Satin Black Velvet Ribbon, No. 1 to No. 200, extra fine quality. Priced 6c to \$1.69 Yard
Satin Back Colored Velvet Ribbon, No. 1½ to No. 100, in the new millinery shades. Priced..... 10c to 79c Yard

SPECIAL FOR ONE WEEK—Commencing Tomorrow, (Friday), we will make free of charge, all orders taken for Ribbon Bags.

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The new styles are here. Low shoes will be very popular this season.



Our first display of them has just arrived. They exhibit a wide range of pretty lasts, plain colors and various shades and combinations of striking attractiveness.

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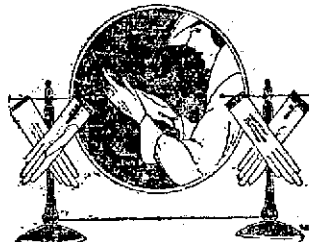
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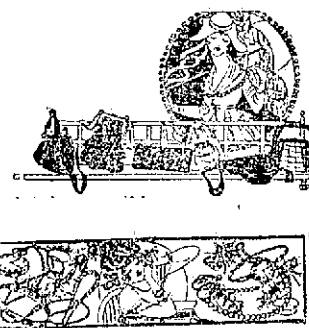
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Fancy Neck Beads, reg. price \$1.00 to \$2.50.
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AUSTRIA AND GERMANY SPLIT OVER RUSSIA

Official despatches from France to the administration at Washington declare that the relations between Germany and Austria have become seriously strained during the past few days, the chief cause of contention being the resumption of the war against Russia by Germany.

Austria, according to these despatches, has positively refused to have anything to do with the invasion of a helpless country, especially after that country has made a full surrender and accepted all the conditions imposed by Germany.

It is also declared that Germany has become so exasperated with the stand taken by Austria that she has threatened to settle the matter by violent measures, if necessary.

It is considered certain that Austria

is extremely anxious to secure peace, beginning with a settlement of the conflict on the eastern front, and that the Austrian officials have strenuously opposed the reopening of hostilities.

The temper of the Vienna officials is shown by the fact that they permitted the widespread publication of the famous Polish manifesto, in which the policy of the German government regarding Poland and the Ukraine was denounced in most scathing terms.

The Berlin press demanded that an explanation be asked from Vienna of this episode and all the indications point to anger and irritation on the part of the Berlin officials. Then came public, pointed and reiterated statements by officials of the Austro-Hungarian government, washing their hands of the Russian situation and refusing to have anything to do with the new invasion.

Prize waltz, Associate hall, Fri. eve.

Pick your winner, Associate, Fri. eve.

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—Six foreigners pleaded guilty yesterday to an indictment for conspiracy to print and circulate \$1,000,000 in counterfeit \$10 federal reserve notes. They were sent to the Penitentiary to await sentence.

The men and \$100,000 worth of the spurious notes were bought by secret service agents on a raid on a West Broadway store here on the night of Dec. 21, 1917.

GERMANY PRODUCES NEW WAR MONSTER

LONDON, Feb. 28.—Germany has produced a new war monster, the aerial counterpart of the famous diving

cruisers, according to a correspondent of the Manchester Guardian. The new machines are called "Riesenflugzeuge" (giant airplanes), and are said to be designed for bomb dropping expeditions, carrying bombs large enough to destroy whole sections of enemy cities.

Instead of two or three bombs of 500 pounds each, the new machine will carry the same number of thousand pound bombs, or single large bombs of even greater weight.

The "Riesenflugzeuge" is believed to be a giant triplane similar to the Caproni, probably with two fuselages with a central body between them.

The central body probably carries an engine at each end, while four other engines are disposed in pairs on the wings outside the twin fuselages.

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Porter's Friend, pkg.17

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Silva Putz, jar25

Putz Cream, 1/2 pt.20

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JAPAN ASKS ALLIES TO JOIN IN INVASION

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Japan has directed inquiries to the entente powers and the United States government to test their feeling toward a proposal to institute joint military operations in Siberia to save the vast quantities of war supplies stored at Vladivostok and along the Siberian railroad.

Criticism at home of the failure of Japan to play a larger part in the war is said to have been influential in bringing about the negotiations. Officials here refuse to discuss this subject for publication, but it is understood that so far as America is concerned the proposition when first broached was not wholly acceptable, though the exchange on the subject which are still in progress, may result in modifying the government's attitude.

Largely Japanese Munitions

Military supplies of all kinds are accumulated at Vladivostok, much of American manufacture, and even greater quantities of Japanese origin, which were delivered long before the

Bolshevik took possession of the Russian government.

The Stevens commission of American engineers made extraordinary efforts to improve the facilities of the Siberian railroad so that these stores could be transported westward for the use of the Russian army on the German and Austrian fronts.

A good deal of accumulation was removed, but great quantities remain on the docks and in warehouses, and even in the open, both at Vladivostok and at points westward on the railroad.

Fear Germans Will Get It

The material suffers greatly from deterioration through exposure to the weather and from other causes, but the principal matter of concern to the allies is the danger that the stores shall fall into the hands of the Germans, who may make their delivery one of the conditions of any peace treaty, which they are about to compel the Bolsheviks to sign.

This situation is regarded by the Japanese as warranting the adoption of some measures to secure these stores, even if this involves military action on their part.

They are quite willing to have the co-operation of the entente forces and of American troops and sailors in this object and the problem which is now before the co-belligerent chancelleries is whether Japan shall be allowed to proceed single-handed if a campaign in this quarter is begun, or whether there shall be joint operations.

Joint Operations Favored

Looking to the future, it has been argued that there should be a combined movement to avoid any such question as to the ultimate disposition of occupied territory in Siberia as might follow the exclusive entry of any one country.

From the tone of the discussion of this subject in official Washington it appears that while the entente governments incline favorably to a joint campaign with Japan in Siberia, they are faced with the obstacle that practically none of them has any troops or ships available for an Asiatic campaign.

This statement does not apply, however, to America, which not only has some powerful cruisers with large crews and marine contingents now in Asiatic waters, but in addition has about 20,000 troops in the Philippines and two full battalions, about 800 strong, in China and on the railroad where they could be rushed quickly into Siberia.

Small U. S. Force Sufficient

While this whole American force would be insignificant, compared to Japan's great naval and military resources at the scene, the participation of the American troops in the campaign would serve to maintain its international character.

The Russian representatives in Washington strongly disapprove of any campaign in Siberia conducted under Japanese auspices, even though there be joint operations, urging the belief that the Bolshevik elements struggling for control at Vladivostok and along the Siberian railroad will never permit the military stores to pass into German possession, and that they can be depended upon to prevent the seizure of railway stations by

the German prisoners of war, who are reported to have been given their liberty by the Siberian local authorities.

British Comment on Plan

LONDON, Feb. 28.—A speech made Sunday by Viscount Motono and reports from Paris as to Japan's possible activities in view of the German advance into Russia are given prominently by the morning newspapers.

The Times understands that the statement of the Japanese foreign minister is regarded in well informed quarters as an authoritative declaration on Japan's policy.

The Daily Mail says: "Gen. Potch's appeal to Japan and the United States to co-operate in confronting the Germans in Siberia is answered by Viscount Motono as far as Japan is concerned. If an allied expedition, in which Japan and America would necessarily have leading parts, could control the Siberian railway and with it the rich food raising and mineral-bearing districts of Siberia, a heavy counterstroke would be dealt to Germany's advance. Japan's service in the allied cause already is considerable; it is not impossible that he will soon add to it."

Announcement was made in Washington Wednesday that Japan had sounded the entente powers and the United States concerning joint military operations in Siberia. Negotiations on the subject between the United States and Japan are still in progress.

Woman cab drivers in London have established a horse hospital, where at all the feeding, grooming, cleaning and administering of medicine is done by women.

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SAVAGE ATTACKS ON KAISER

Pamphlet Circulated During Recent Strike Smuggled Out of Germany

"All Over World We Are Hated—On Our Heads Rests Curse of Cain"

LONDON, Feb. 11. (Correspondence of the Associated Press).—Released today—Some of the pamphlets which were secretly circulated in Berlin during the recent strikes consisted of savage attacks on the German emperor, a fact which was admitted and deprecated recently by the German newspapers. One of these pamphlets, smuggled out of Germany, has reached the Liverpool Daily Post, which gives a literal translation, which in part follows:

"When will peace come? It will come when Germany is ready for it, and the time is approaching."

"It will come when Germany has learned the lesson of the war; when it has found, as every other nation has had to learn, that the voice of Europe cannot be denied with impunity."

"The hour of peace will strike when Germans no longer heed the makers of war; when they despise and hiss the apostles of militarism and jingoism. Peace will come when the Germans say to their emperor: 'You whom we have followed and obeyed; you for whom we have sacrificed ourselves and our dear ones; you who have not spared even our ideals and beliefs and traditions—we have sacrificed all to you—and what have we in return? Nothing but hunger and cold and nakedness, disease and death, ruin and destitution.'"

"Never before in the history of the world has there been sacrifice so great or so willingly made. Before our heroic deeds the armies of Napoleon shrivel, and what have we won by it?"

"Two years ago the world lay at our feet; strangers from every land came to our doors; all over the world the industry of our merchants was successful. Everywhere the German spirit was welcomed and honored. Will it ever be so again?"

"All over the world we are despised and hated, on our foreheads rests the curse of Cain. Men shun us in the streets and our language is forbidden. We have you, Emperor William, we have you to thank that the achievements of a century of national effort have been lost. We will no longer follow you."

The document ends with a still longer denunciation of the ambition, vanity and personal cowardice of the emperor.

Dancing 7 to 11, Associate Fri. eve.

25 PER CENT ADVANCE IN COST OF LIVING

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Another 2 per cent, added to the retail prices of food from Dec. 15, 1917, to January 15, 1918, made a total of 25 per cent, which the cost of living advanced in the year ending on the latter date.

The bureau of labor statistics today announced that 11 of 16 standard articles increased in price from December to January, the greatest advance being 8 per cent, in hens. Flour decreased two per cent, and lard, bacon and cornmeal one per cent, each.

In the 12 months from January, 1917, to January, 1918, potatoes alone registered a decline in price, being 10 per cent, cheaper. Cornmeal advanced 77 per cent, bacon, 64; lard, 53; milk, 37; hens, 29; butter, 25; eggs, 23; sugar, 18 and flour, 17.

Coal also has increased in price, according to the bureau, which takes 100 as the comparative price in 1913 and computes the price in 1917 as 118 for Pennsylvania anthracite stove coal; 116 for chestnut and 117 for bituminous and in 1918, 123 for anthracite stove coal; 122 for Chestnut and 127 for bituminous.

GERMAN GUARDS AND DESERTERS IN BATTLE

THE HAGUE, January. (Correspondence of the Associated Press, Released today).—A pitched battle between the German frontier guards and a detachment of German deserters who were trying to escape across the border into Holland took place a few days ago just across the barbed wire boundary.

The deserters were Alsations and were well armed. They were accompanied by a number of Belgian workmen, who also wished to escape into Holland. The Alsations had been on the Russian front throughout the war, and were just being transferred to the west.

As they approached the boundary, the German guards opened fire, but the Alsations replied promptly, killing and wounding three of the small party of guards. The others retired to seek reinforcements while the Alsations began cutting the wire, which was presently short-circuited, causing a blaze.

Before a path had been opened across the border, a detachment of mounted German military police galloped up. After a short skirmish, the guard succeeded in overpowering the Alsations. A few of the Belgian workmen, however, succeeded in getting into Holland safely.

SHIP OFFICERS HELD IN PLOT TO AID GERMANS

A PACIFIC PORT, Feb. 28.—The captain, the chief engineer and the purser of the steamship Centralia were ordered arrested yesterday by federal authorities. It was announced, after an investigation of a plot to supply Germans in Lower California, and South and Central America.

It is charged also that the men stored pro-German sentiments and attempted to obstruct operation of the selective draft.

The Centralia has been held in port nearly a week while the authorities investigated reports that her men took supplies to the Germans in the United States. The men were taken to Santa Rosalia, Lower California, and that explosives were taken to various points in Central and South America under suspicious circumstances. The men ordered arrested were:

John Reneditson, master of the Centralia; H. Heekshell, chief engineer; J. Ortiz, purser.

It also was alleged that the men tried to induce Americans subject to draft who were returning to the United States voluntarily on the vessel, to refuse to serve; that they made pro-German declarations and seditious statements.

The three men claim to be naturalized American citizens. The charges against them were made by some 23 Americans on Thursday, as soon as the vessel arrived here from southern waters, it was said.

The Centralia, it was stated, is owned by the Pollard Steamship Co., of San Francisco.

Some loving cup, Associate, Fri. eve.

LOCAL LABOR UNIONS HOLD MEETINGS

An open meeting for the members of the city was held in Middle street last evening, and the attendance was very large. Charles Anderson presided and the gathering was addressed by Business Agent Murphy and William Johns of the international board of officers.

Folders' Union

There was a large attendance at the regular meeting of the members of the Folders' union, which was held last evening at 22 Middle street. During the business session important matters were discussed and later a smoke-talk was held during which entertainment numbers were given by Walter McLaughlin, Philip Baxter and Thomas Hickey. The committee in charge of the social event consisted of John McLaughlin, Leo Hurley and William Hartley.

DENIES BAN LIFTED ON I.N.S. IN CANADA

TORONTO, Ont., Feb. 28.—(By Canadian Press).—"There is no truth in the report that the ban has been lifted on the Hearst publications or the International News Service," said Col. Chambers, chief press censor for Canada, in reply to a question on this point. "I am aware of the fact that a report of this kind has been circulated but there is not a word of truth in it. The regulations are still being rigidly enforced both in Great Britain and in Canada."

The International News Service on February 15 sent out the following despatch:

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REPORT U. S. MILITARY PLANS SENT FROM MEXICO TO GERMAN OFFICER IN SPAIN

HAVANA, Feb. 28.—Postoffice department officials and secret service agents are examining the mail from Mexico on the Spanish liner Reina Maria Christina. The Spanish minister to Cuba, who is in charge of German interests here, is watching the inspection.

An unconfirmed rumor was current last night that certain documents from the interior of Mexico addressed to a German consular officer in Spain had been found. The documents were said to contain information relating to the military plans of the United States and Cuba against the central powers.

VOTE TO DECLARE STRIKE FOR A ENFORCE DEMANDS FOR A CLOSED SHOP

BALTIMORE, Md., Feb. 28.—At a secret meeting here last night local officers of the International Textile Workers' union voted to declare a strike March 1 at the Mount Vernon Textile Mill, Inc., to enforce demands for a closed shop.

There are about 1500 workers at the mill.

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INTERESTING LETTERS FROM LOWELL SOLDIERS IN THE WAR ZONE

The following letter addressed to a member of The Sun staff was received yesterday from Sergt. Newell A. Ritchie, formerly of The Sun and now in the air service in France.

Dear Friend: Your letter dated Jan. 3 reached me a day or two ago and I was about to give up all hopes of ever hearing from you again. My letter that you referred to must have been written way back in October or November, I think I wrote a couple after that, though it is pretty hard to keep track of correspondence in this kind of a business.

I have a French wrist watch which tells the time on the "12 to 24" hour scale. When that is running, which is very seldom, I can tell the time of day, but days of the week and dates are now absolute strangers to me. French calendars don't appeal to me very much either.

I want to thank you for having my name placed on your mailing list. Lowell's Gazette is a fine thing and I was pleased to get them. I turned them over to a Lowell fellow, Jack Desmarest, and he took care of them.

I have been told that Ray Dowd is within a few miles. I mean ten or fifteen, from where I am, but I don't think I have any chance of seeing him. I would if he were back on the Sun. I was through the town he is supposed to be in, but I didn't know he was there at the time and so I passed up a good chance for a merry "siesta."

I wrote to him the other day, so expect an answer soon.

I was very much interested in your story of Congressman Rogers' visit to France. It seemed natural enough to me, I was on the banks of that stream when he was in the house, and I was enough to get to that city where Jack O'Dea met the congressman, on two different occasions, and saw about all of it that I care to remember. I am on details quite a lot and have seen a whole lot more of this country than I ever expected. As for scenery, you are right, it is very attractive, but it is about all that is attractive.

We have read about the cold winter you have had. We had some cold weather for a few weeks and then it got warmer. What is coming next is pretty hard to judge, but I presume it will be rain so that we will have some more rain around here. I read about the coal and sugar scarcity you mentioned. The same things are scarce with us, but we haven't any chance to go to the stores as you do.

I have moved twice since you wrote, but your mail was forwarded all right. I was in training barracks, so-called, and I am now in a place called casual barracks. I have some straw on eight slats and suffer from lack of sleep. I am now in a place called casual barracks. I have some straw on eight slats and suffer from lack of sleep.

You have printed more already in the paper than I can tell you about "sunny France." You probably know more about the people and the customs now than I do, as every letter I read describes them. I can say that this language is some proposition. I am able to get along all right in a store or restaurant, but when it comes to a conversation I give up the watch. But I may learn sooner or later.

I had an experience recently that I but you would have enjoyed. We had an afternoon off and a four of us walked in a village about 10 miles away. It was different than any town I was ever in, with a canal and tow path running through the center. A French soldier told us that there was nothing more than the canal for amusement in the village, and the few inhabitants stand on the bridge and watch for the horse-drawn canal boats. He didn't like it.

Well, we went to a house and had supper, which consisted of an omelet made from fresh laid eggs, black coffee and bread. The woman told us she was 65 years old and remembered soldiers coming to the same house during the war of 1870. I don't think I will ever forget that meal.

We are also fortunate in having a good Y.M.C.A. nearby. They have good entertainment and our band plays there two or three nights a week. There is a small town a short walk away, but it isn't any amusement for me and I stay in most of the time.

NEWELL A. RITCHIE.

Sergt. James A. Delmore

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Delmore, of 420 Broadway recently received word from their son, Sergt. James A. Delmore.

His brother, John A. Delmore, Jr., is also serving with the allied forces. He enlisted from the local British recruiting station about a month ago and was sent to England almost immediately and he is now in that country doing his bit as a drillmaster. The Lowell man has seen much previous military service having served with Co. G of the 6th regiment in Porto Rico.

Private Thomas Taglia

Harry Barr, of 51 Beech street has received the following letter from Private Thomas F. Taglia who is with the headquarters company of the 23d regiment in France:

Friend Harry:—I presume my hasty farewell and departure sort of surprised you but you know how I am always doing the unexpected. I intended writing when in the states but thought every day that I would be able to get home for a short while. But my voyage rather quickly, so here I am.

Our stay over was pleasant although uninteresting. The boys were happy when their eyes sighted land. I met over here a good number of Lowell boys principally being a few of the oldtime club members. How I wish we were there at the time and so I passed up a good chance for a good game with the Vannigans!

We are being treated fine by the people here. We in turn do all we can to help them.

The weather man has been no friend of ours. Rain, rain has been the cry upon our awakening at first. Rain, rain, rain! It is a nuisance. Rather a dismal start for a holiday. I am in the states now. I am in the states now. I am in the states now.

Thanksgiving and Christmas, 1917, and New Year's, 1918, will always be remembered by me. I am in the states now. I am in the states now. I am in the states now.

Uncle Sam to make the aforesaid days pleasant but little gloom germs seemed to pervade the air those days and seemed to delight in hanging around the excellent dinner served us.

We are being fed fine and as a result have gained in the vicinity of 50 pounds in weight. I am now interested in signal work, wireless, etc. which, of course, requires study.

What is the interest I can write as I suppose the censor would clip it, so I will close with best wishes to your wife and yourself.

TOM.

Sergt. Philip Weiss

Mrs. William Shinnick of 665 Central street has received the following letter from her son, Sergt. Philip Weiss of Battery L, 6th Regiment, Coast Artillery Corps.

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My Dear Mother: Just a few lines to let you know that I am well and hope that you are the same. I received your package and was very much pleased with it. Hope everything all right at home.

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READ AND FIND OUT ALL ABOUT THE CALORIE

Much is being said about the calorie today, and it is well for us to understand just what it really is.

Not only do we need to know about the kinds of food and their function in the body, but we must also know the amounts of food necessary to supply the body requirements under various conditions.

There is an accepted standard or unit of comparison by which we can estimate the value of everything. For example, the unit of weight is the pound, the unit of measure is the pint, the unit of length, the inch, the unit of currency, the dollar, and the unit of heat, the calorie.

Food is taken into the body and is acted upon by the different digestive juices, changed into a liquid form, and carried by the blood to the different parts of the body, where it is converted into body tissues, or used to supply nervous or muscular energy. Energy is the power to do work. This work may be internal such as that carried on by the different organs, or external such as walking, running and the like. When the food is going through these changes in the body, a varying amount of heat is given off according to the kind of food consumed. Since heat can be measured, and is easily transformed into forms of energy, the energy value of food can be determined in terms of heat by estimating the amount of heat given off when it is used in the body.

Careful experiments have been made to determine this fuel value of different food stuffs, by burning outside the body, a weighed amount of food in a special apparatus in such a way that no heat is lost, but is taken up by a known volume of water. This device is called a Calorimeter, and the amount of heat required to raise one kilogram of water 1 degree centigrade, or in other words, 1 pound or 1 pint of water four degrees Fahr. is called the calorie, or food unit.

By burning this calorimeter 1 gram of the various foodstuffs, namely, protein, fat and carbohydrate, separately, then noting the change in temperature, and allowing for the fact that in the body the food is not as completely burned as in the calorimeter, the fuel value of food has been established as follows:

Protein 4.1 cal. per gram or 1850 calories per pound.

Fat 9.3 cal. per gram or 4218 calories per pound.

Carbohydrate 4.1 cal. per gram or 1850 calories per pound.

To find out then the total energy taken into the body in form of food, we must first weigh each article of food, ascertain from some one of the various tables on record, the amount of protein, fat and carbohydrate it contains, and multiply this per cent. by its proper caloric value and add the results.

This method, however, is not very practical for the ordinary home maker. She might not have a table giving the per centage composition of the different foods, and would not probably be able to give the work the time required.

A more simple method of computing the individual dietary has been arranged by Prof. Irving Fisher of Yale. He has arranged a table giving the food in "standard portions," or in amounts containing 100 calories. With the number of calories of protein, fat and carbohydrate in each 100 calories. These "standard portions" are for the most part ordinary servings, or a multiple of a serving. For example two-thirds of a glass of milk is a 100 calorie, or standard portion, and contains 19 calories of protein, 52 calories fat, and 29 calories of carbohydrate. By this method it is comparatively easy to reckon mentally the food value of one's daily diet.

Now that we know what a calorie is, and how it is determined and used, we must also know how many calories are needed daily.

If more food is taken into the body than is needed, the excess protein is thrown off by the kidneys in form of uric acid, and urea, and the excess fat and carbohydrate is stored in form of fat. If not enough food is taken, some of this excess is consumed. Hence in the process of starvation a loss of body weight sets in and death takes place when about forty per cent. of the body weight is lost.

The energy requirements are governed by age, sex, size of body, amount of exercise taken, and personal peculiarities. Even at complete rest in bed, energy is used in the performance of the body functions such as the activity.

HARMONY IS MIDDLE NAME OF HAYS, NEW REPUBLICAN CHIEF

Will H. Hays is a worker, an organizer and a harmonizer. Harmony is his "middle name" all right, even if the "H" does stand for something else he got at the christening. The new republican national committee chairman is a country lawyer, 40 years old. He started as a



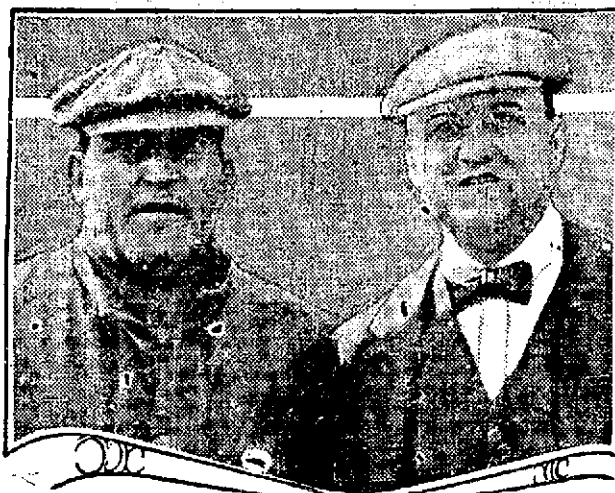
W. H. HAYS

rank and file republican worker in Indiana and in 1900 was made a product committee chairman.

Then he was graduated to county and finally state leadership.

When he became head of the state organization the party was widely split on progressivism and the democrats were in complete control. Under Hays' leadership harmony was restored and the party gained strength until in 1916 his generalship had turned the state to the republican column. Hughes carried it, and two republican senators replaced the two democrats.

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NOW BRANDING HUMAN MAVERICKS

Four-legged and two-legged critters are very much alike when they're ornery. Rev. Paul Rader, here shown at the right of Jim Jeffries, his friend, handles 'em both alike. What he learned as cowboy on the ranges of Wyoming he's now applying on the sawdust trail. Hog-tieing and bulldozing human mavericks into a realization of their cussedness is just what Rader's work in the trenches.

Various dietary standards have been worked out, and most scientists agree that a well balanced diet for an adult should contain from 2200 to 3500 calories, and that from ten to fifteen per cent. of the total calories should come from the protein food, forty to sixty per cent. from the carbohydrate food, and twenty-five to forty per cent. from the fats.

The number of calories needed increases in proportion to the increase in mechanical energy expended and in proportion to the size of the individual. A large person requires more fuel than a small, and a man or woman doing heavy muscular work requires more calories, or more energy yielding food than a man working in an office. Scientists have estimated the approximate energy requirements of the average individual to be as follows:

Sleeping, 14 calories per pound of body weight per hour.

Sitting quietly, reading or at meals, 6.6 calories per pound of body weight per hour.

At light muscular exercise, standing, dressing, sewing, typewriting, etc., 10 calories per pound of body weight per hour.

At active muscular exercise, carpenter, mail carrier, etc., 20 calories per pound of body weight per hour.

At severe muscular exercise, digging, washing, wood chopping, 35 calories per pound of body weight per hour.

For children the food requirement is higher than that of adults because more food is used in building new tis-

as necessary, he says, as taking the stubbornness out of a wild longhorn. But when these tactics don't meet particular requirements, Rader falls back on his fighting lore to score a knockout for the Lord, having been pugilist as well as cowboy. Pastor of the Moody church in Chicago, he is now rounding up \$1,000,000 for Salvation Army work in the trenches.

uses and more energy is used in muscular activity. For example, a boy or twelve or fifteen requires as much food as his father. However, as old age comes on the body is able to take care of less food, there is less muscular activity and the food requirement is diminished.

The value of the caloric knowledge of food can easily be seen when we realize that the same number of food calories may be bought at a large range of prices, and that we can with this knowledge easily reduce the food bill without endangering the health. But we must always remember that at least ten per cent. of the total calories must come from the protein food, for this is the only food to give us the building material.

Oleomargarine at 25c. per lb. will give us the same food value as butter at 50c.; 1 quart of milk at 12c. per quart will give us as much food value as eight eggs at 75c. per dozen.

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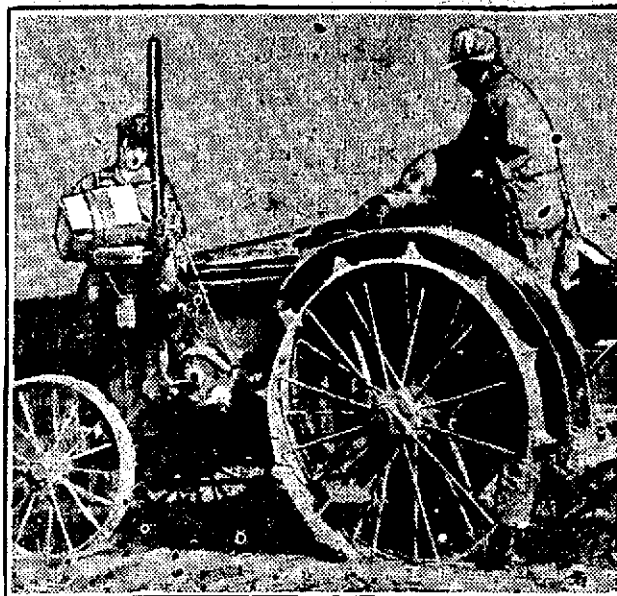
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BADGER GAME CHARGED BY COCA COLA KING

Special to The Sun.

ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 28.—Asa G. Candler, Atlanta's multi-millionaire mayor, known throughout the country as the "Coca Cola King," is the center of a sensational case that has aroused greater interest in the south than any-



MAUD MULLER TAKES TO THE TANK

Maud Muller has discarded her rake and has learned to drive a field jitney. Here she is multiplied by two, as the Utah Agricultural college is turning her out to avert the danger of a shortage in rhubarb pie and things since Leo Frank was lynched.

The mayor charges that he is the victim of a plot to extort from him part of the riches he has accumulated since he discovered, when a poor drug clerk, the formula for the soft drink that made him wealthy and gave him the name "Coca Cola King."

It is the sixth attempt, since he became wealthy, to extort money from him, Candler charges. On other occasions he was threatened with death or injury.

Once a boy in his Sunday school class wrote him a black-hand letter, threatening to dynamite his house unless Candler left a sum of money under the church steps. The boy was arrested and confessed. Candler then dropped the case and set the youth up in business.

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Attorneys for Candler declare that Cook urged Mrs. Hirsch to press her

friendship with the millionaire to the point where she could arrange a compromising situation, when Cook would burst in the door, accuse them and after that—well, Asa C. Candler is said to be worth a cool \$75,000,000!

On the afternoon of February 4, Mrs. Hirsch called on Candler at his private office.

Candler's side of the story is that Mrs. Hirsch called his attention to something behind his back; when he turned, she threw off her hat and coat and disarranged her attire, just as Cook walked in the door and, smiling sardonically, exclaimed: "Well, this is a pretty mess for our righteous mayor!"

After that, says Candler, Mrs. Hirsch was led on by persons in whose hands he placed the affair, to demand \$500,000.

"I'm no piker!" Mrs. Hirsch is alleged to have told the persons put on the case by Candler. "The mayor gave a million to Emory university; his reputation ought to be worth half that much to him. Give me \$500,000 and I'll leave town!"

Cook claims that he was acting in the interests of his friend, Mr. Hirsch. He declares that he knew of relations between Mrs. Hirsch and the mayor, that he followed Mrs. Hirsch to the mayor's office, surprised them and demanded that Mrs. Hirsch be sent out of town. He never mentioned money. Candler's attorneys state that after

they led Mrs. Hirsch on to make a specific demand for money, they laid the whole matter before the grand jury and secured indictments against both Mrs. Hirsch and Cook, charging them with an attempt to blackmail the mayor.

During the entire episode, Hirsch, the husband, was out of town.

All Atlanta is waiting to hear Mrs. Hirsch's story.

"I will tell my story to the jury and nobody else," she says, as she sits in the jail, knitting a sweater for the soldier.

Candler is 68 years old.

Mrs. Hirsch is about 32. She is a pretty brunette and was known to her friends as "Peg o' My Heart." She and her husband are members of the exclusive Capital City club.

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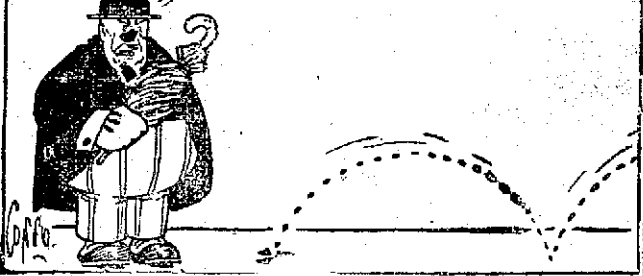
EVERETT TRUE



— AND THIS LIFE IS FULL OF SADNESS AND WOES AND DISAPPOINTMENT AND INJUSTICE AND CRIME. MY FRIEND, WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO MAKE THIS WORLD A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE IN?

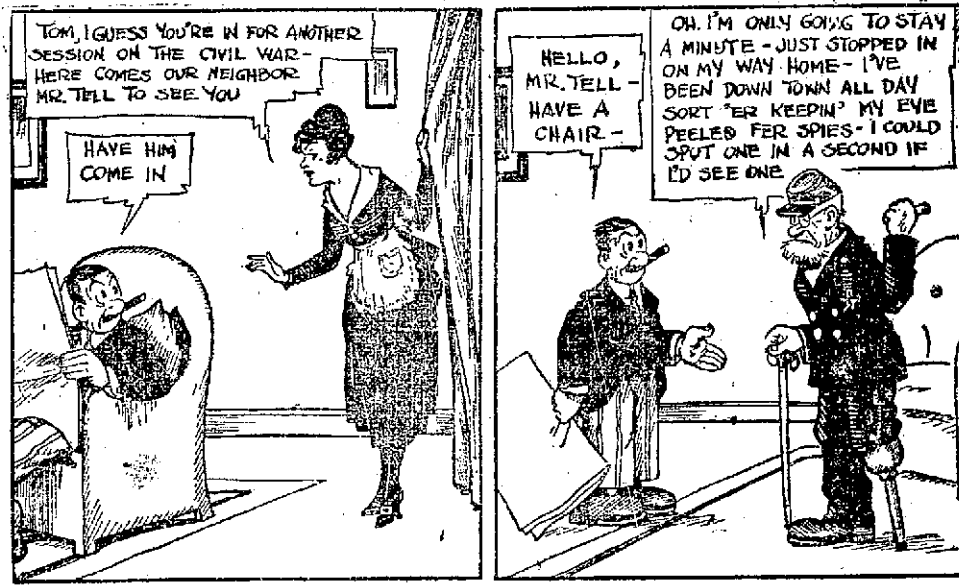


WHAT AM I DOING TO BETTER THE WORLD? JUST TAKING A PLANT AT THE HANDLE OF THAT UMBRELLA!!!!!!



SEES UNMISTAKABLE TRACES OF VIOLENT IMPACTS. HEARS VOICES VIBRANT WITH PENT-UP EMOTION. PUTS TWO AND TWO TOGETHER.

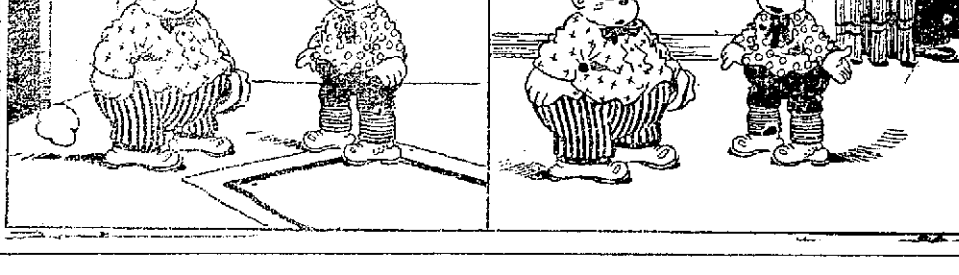
EXERCISE WILL DO MORE FOR THAT NUT THAN A BEATING!



TOM, I GUESS YOU'RE IN FOR ANOTHER SESSION ON THE CIVIL WAR— HERE COMES OUR NEIGHBOR MR. TELL TO SEE YOU



HAVE HIM COME IN



ON I'M ONLY GOING TO STAY A MINUTE— JUST STOPPED IN ON MY WAY HOME— I'VE BEEN DOWN TOWN ALL DAY SORT 'ER KEEPIN' MY EYE PEELED FER SPIES— I COULD SPOT ONE IN A SECOND IF I'D SEE ONE



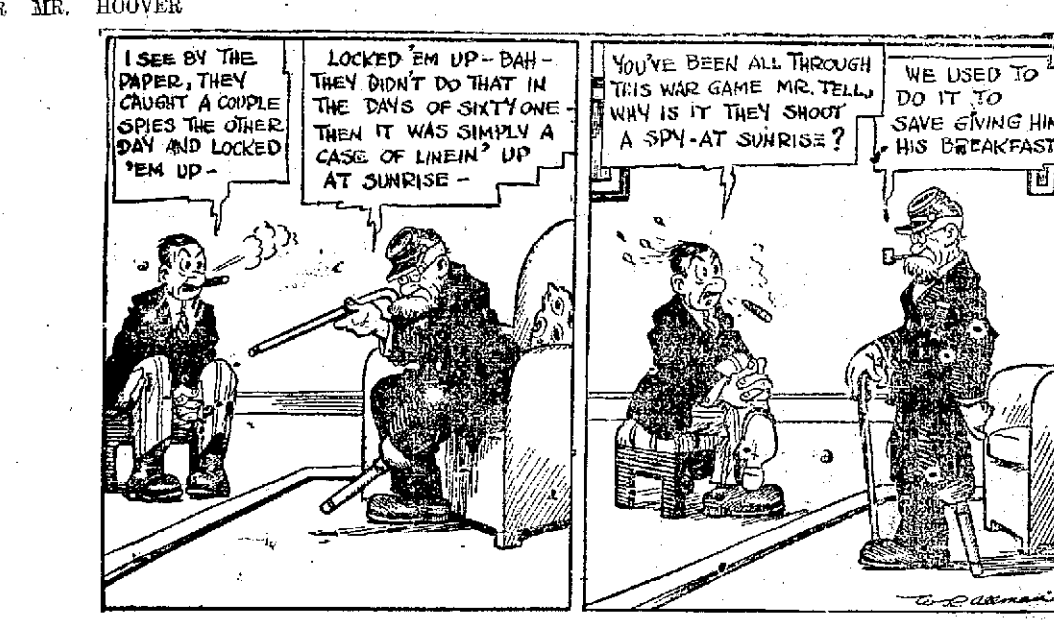
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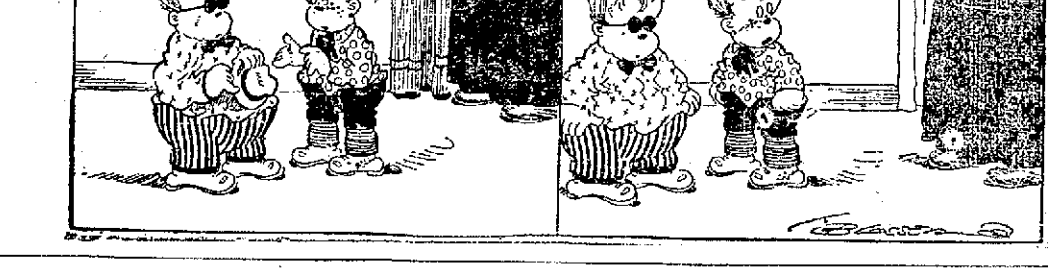
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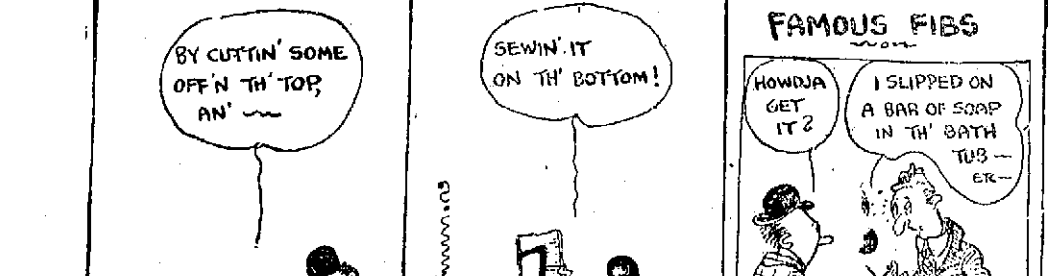
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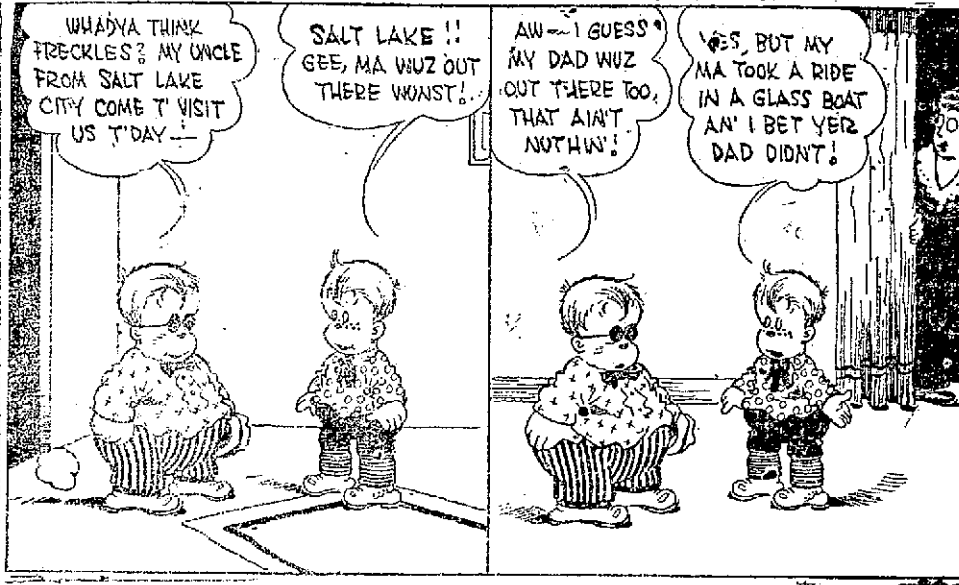
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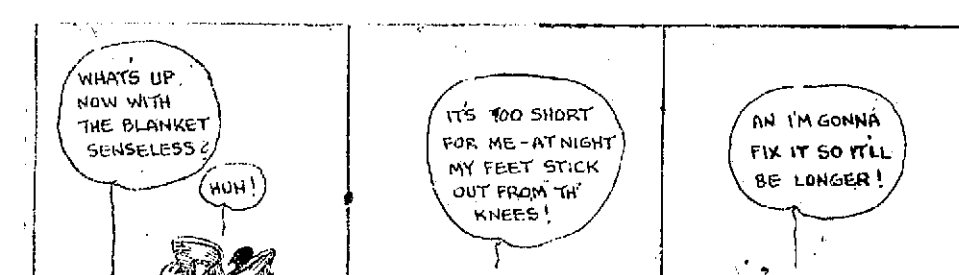
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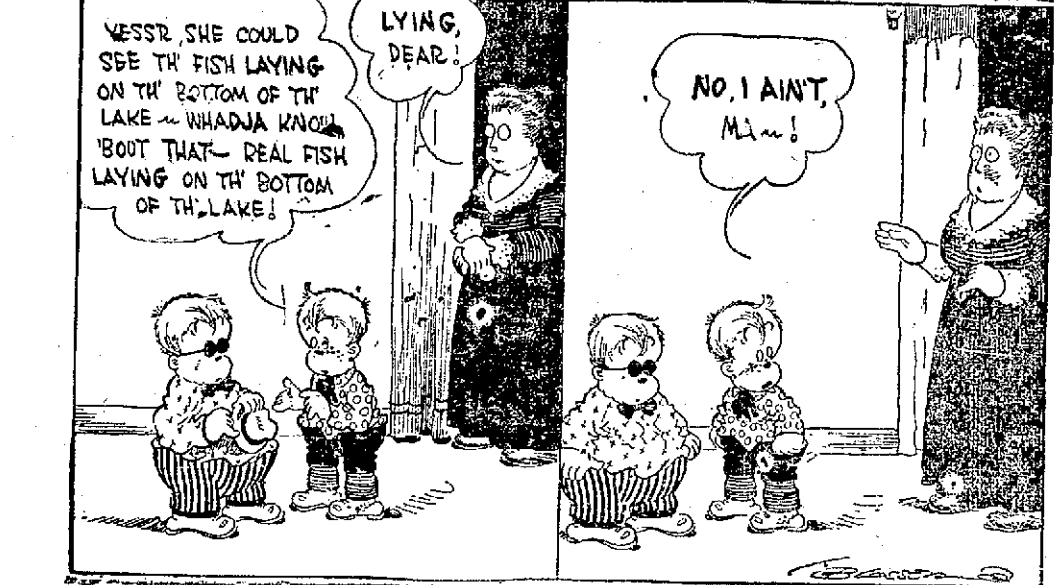
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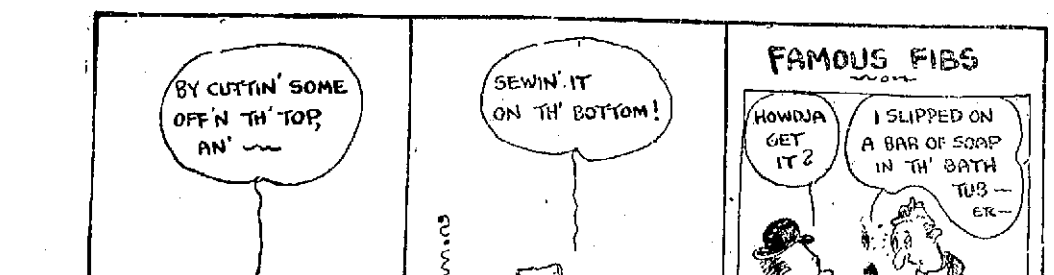
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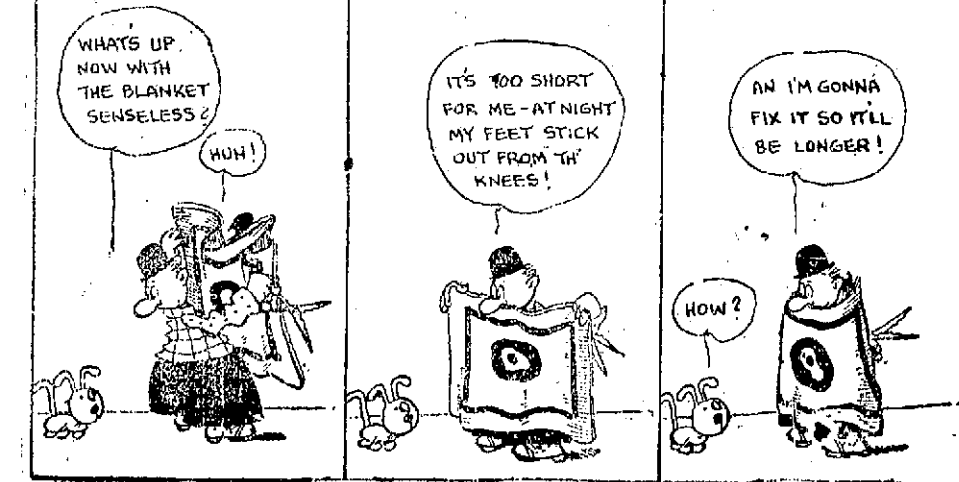
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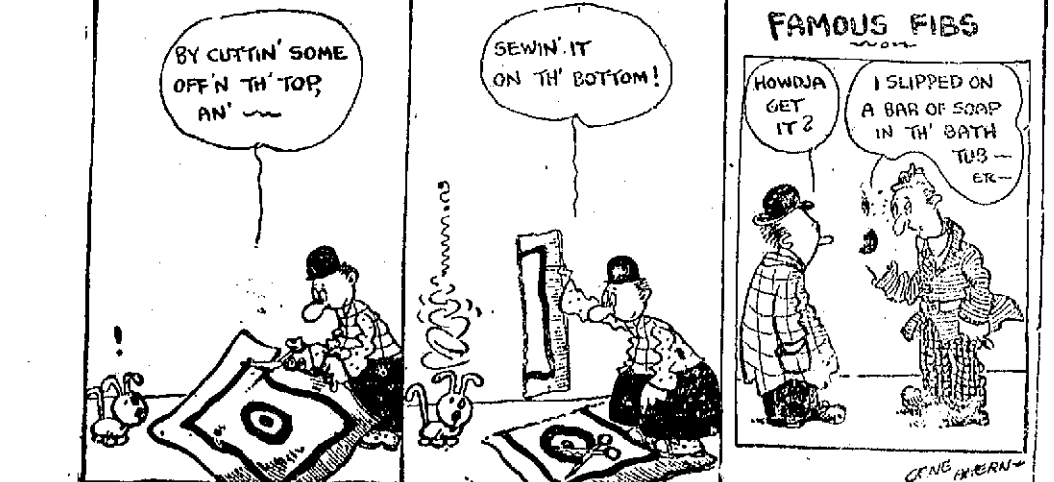
WHATS UP NOW WITH THE BLANKET SENSELESS?

HUH!

IT'S TOO SHORT FOR ME— AT NIGHT MY FEET STICK OUT FROM TH' KNEES!

AN I'M GONNA FIX IT SO IT'LL BE LONGER!

HOW?



BY CUTTIN' SOME OFFN TH' TOP, AN'

SEWIN' IT ON TH' BOTTOM!

FAMOUS FIBS

HOWDJA GET IT?

I SLIPPED ON A BAR OF SOAP IN TH' BATH TUB— ER—

"KID" WILLIAMS SCORED 22 GOALS LAST WEEK

POLO LEAGUE STANDING	Won	Lost	P.C.
Lowell	22	5	81.5
New Bedford	18	9	66.7
Providence	15	12	55.6
Lawrence	11	16	40.7
Worcester	10	17	37.0
Portland	1	24	4.0

ROLLUP POLO RESULTS

Providence 3, Worcester 5.
Lawrence 11, Portland 5.

Last week was a great scoring week in the Polo league. With Kid Williams of Lowell leading with 22, closely followed by Thompson with 20 and Bob Hart with 13. Higgins and "Red" Williams each scored the ball 14 times. Lincoln made 12 and George Hart 11. In rush taking, Mulligan lengthened his lead by beating his opponent to the spot 28 times. Higgins won 25 rushes while the Williams brothers each won 28 rushes.

Barney Doherty held his own with four fouls and leads the league with 22. Hardy made three and also retains his place as second man in this line. Pence gained a point on Blount, but lost three to Conley, who gained four on Blount. The three men in the 400 yard class all put up great fighting the week. Purcell gained four points, while Mulligan lost a point and Cashman dropped five.

The averages follow:

GOALS SCORED BY—	Runs	Fouls
Higgins	17	1
Conley	16	1
Geo. Hart	12	1
Thompson	11	1
Mulligan	10	1
Kelso	9	1
Red Williams	8	1
Lincoln	7	1
Oldham	6	1
Kid Williams	5	1
Duggan	4	1
Geo. Hart	3	1
Lincoln	2	1
Griffith	1	1
Slater	1	1
Long	1	1
Quinn	1	1
Alexander	1	1
Hardy	1	1
Duffness	1	1
Mulhearn	1	1

RUSHES WON BY—

Mulligan	352
Kelso	210
Higgins	205
Oldham	205
Red Williams	195
Lincoln	187
Duggan	187
Kid Williams	117
O'Hearne	95
Long	91
Alexander	72
Slater	72
Geo. Hart	54

FOULS MADE BY—

Doherty	25
Hardy	18
Morrison	12
Donnelly	11
Quinn	10
Mulhearn	10
Duffness	10
Parrell	8
Cashman	8
Pinnell	7
Blount	7
Bob Hart	6
Thompson	6
Harkins	6
Jean	5
Jack Carrigan	5
Mullen Carrigan	5
Mulligan	3

GOALTENDERS' AVERAGES

Blount	Stopped	Missed	Ave
Pence	257	128	.916
Conley	228	221	.912
Purcell	216	33	.873
Cashman	204	25	.877
Oldham	197	143	.862
Allard	121	133	.880

POLO NOTES

Worcester has the leading goal getter and the leading rusher, yet the team is in the second division. Some-thing seems to be wrong and from where we sit it looks as if the "Jigger" would be more valuable up in his regular position on the rush line. When up in front none of them have a thing on him, but he's too light and aggressive to be playing in that position. The other members of the team are good players, but they seem to lack the punch.

Barnie Doherty, Lanky Larry Thompson and the other Goal Kings will oppose Lowell at the Rollaway tomorrow night. These two teams always play a very interesting game.

Providence had its worst week of the season last week, losing four out of five and dropping from first to third in the pennant hunt. This week, however, a new man has been secured and another is said to be on his way. "Barney" is determined to have a winner, and he's out for a man who will bring the desired result.

Good polo players are scarce. Several managers in the league have combed the country for men, but they have been unsuccessful.

"HOLD OUT" BURNS SIGNS WITH GIANTS

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—Despite the fact that practically all of the major league clubs have adopted a policy of "no compromise" in dealing with their holdouts, the New York Giants are not considering the fact that they are willing to meet their dissatisfied players half way, if not further than that. Ever since the "hold out" week, however, Saturday he has been making the wires buzz in finding out what are the grievances of the New York club's dissatisfied players.

At McGraw's invitation George Burns, the club's famous left fielder, came down to New York from St. Johnsville, N. Y., yesterday to talk things over with President H. H. Thompson. George was escorted with the giant executive for fully two hours at the end of which he announced he had signed his contract. While neither Burns nor the club announced whether Burns had won his point, President Thompson said the clever outfielder was well satisfied, and the supposition is that he got what he wanted.

The club also was in telegraphic communication with Slim Slaughter, the team pitcher of Hightstown, Ohio, and Slaughter's contract is expected by tonight. President Tanager of the National League said last week that "this is one year in which club owners will not dash around the country with a fountain pen imploring their players to sign," but John McGraw intends to do it just the same.

The giant manager will leave immediately for Norfolk, Va., Louisville, Ky., and Columbus, Ill., where he will pay personal calls on Davey Robertson, F. B. Schupp, and Artie Fletcher. He does not expect to expect to meet with the players, but of these players to come to terms, and does not take Robertson's talk of retirement seriously. It is a case of the

shepherd boy continuously calling "Wolf" in Robertson case

He really is sincere in his retirement talk. The New York club officials do not believe Davey intends to quit baseball. In the event that Perritt does not sign up by the time the club is ready to go to Marlboro McGraw will stop off at Marlboro, La., and bring Perritt along.

The attitude of the Giant manager is in striking contrast with that of other clubs toward their unsigned players. They practically have given their players an ultimatum, "Sign at our terms or walk the streets next season." Branch Rickey of the Cardinals has gone so far as to threaten to send his holdouts to the minors if they do not sign.

The Giants' advance guard will unofficially start the 1918 season on Friday, when Heinie Zimmerman and Jeff Tesreau will leave here for Hot Springs, Ark., for their preliminary training out course. At the Springs they will be joined by McCarthy, Raden, Doyle, Benton, Schupp and Sallee.

PENCE OF PROVIDENCE SETS UP STOP RECORD

Goal Tender Pence of the Providence team set up a new season's record Tuesday night when he stopped 75 shots in front of the goal, but this sensational work was not enough to stave off defeat and the Lawrence team added another win, 4 to 2.

Pence was subjected to bombardment from the very start of the game. The drives came to him from all angles and his work was magnificent.

He gave one of the best exhibitions in front of the goal-mouth seen here this season. Up to Tuesday night the season's record was held by Conley of the Lewiston club, who was credited with 70 stops in a regulation three-period game; but Tuesday night Pence went five better.

And it is probable that Pence's figures might have gone over the 100 mark had anyone else but Barney Doherty been playing. Barney alone must have stopped anywhere from 30 to 50 drives himself. He has an educated pair of feet that had that happy faculty of getting in the way. He was a big help to Pence.

The game was carried to Pence all the way. In the first period alone he had 23 stops, and at the end of the second period his total stood numbered 45. Compared with this Blount was called upon for only 30 stops in the first two periods of the game. In the final period the bombardment against Pence was even worse, for in that session the local players banged his shields 30 times, giving him an average of two stops per minute. And when any team averages two stops per minute against goal-ender it really gives said goal-ender much time to get at the colling.—Lawrence Telegram.

Y.M.C.A. BASKETBALL TEAM DEFEATS LOWELL TEXTILE SCHOOL TEAM

The Lowell Y.M.C.A. basketball team defeated the Lowell Textile school team at the Y.M.C.A. gymnasium Tuesday night in a very close game. The score was 25-33. Between the halves the Lowell team easily defeated the Advance Tigers by a score of 31 to 2. The lineup and summary:

Y.M.C.A.	Lowell Textile
Doyle	15
McKiever	10
Angus	10
Hurley	10
Score: Lowell Y.M.C.A. 25	Textile School 33
Shogan	10
McKiever	10
Angus	10
McKiever	10
Angus	10
Hurley	10

INTERMEDIATE A.C.

Score: Intermediate A.C. 31, Advance Tigers 2. Baskets: Huse 1, Lawson 6, Harrison 1, Gallagher 1. Goals from fouls: Harrison 1, Allison 2. Referee: Husestrom. Time: Two 15-minute periods.

AL NEBES WINS

Al Nebes, eastern state champion skater, won the second five-mile race of the series at the Weymouth, at Quincey last night. The Lowell flier took the first, fourth and fifth miles. This gave Nebes three points last night and he is determined to have a winner, and he's out for a man who will bring the desired result.

CALL TO BATTERY CANDIDATES BY BOSTON NAVY YARD BASEBALL TEAM

BOSTON, Feb. 28.—A call to battery candidates by the Boston navy yard baseball team to report at the Harvard baseball game Monday, was issued today by Manager "Jack" Barry, former leader of the Boston American League team. Among the players now stationed here in the naval reserve and expected to be available for the team are Pitchers Shore and Dennock, former Red Sox players, and Gave, who pitched for the Buffalo International league team; and Catchers Rice, formerly of the Boston Nationals, Keefe of Tufts, and Carroll of Holy Cross.

WESTVANS BASEBALL SCHEDULE

MIDDLETOWN, Conn., Feb. 28.—The Westvans baseball schedule for the season, announced today, includes these games at home: April 23, with Bowdoin; 27, with Amherst; May 7, with Williams; 23, with Dartmouth; June 15, with Amherst, (commencement). Games away from home, include: May 18, with Amherst; 24, with Y.M.C.A. college at Springfield; May 25, with Williams.

ILLIARD TOURNAMENT

DETROIT, Mich., Feb. 28.—T. Henry Clarkson of Boston, and Eugene Milburn of Memphis met in this afternoon's game in the class A national amateur billiard tournament here. Neither has yet won a game in the tournament.

TRACK MEET CALLED OFF

The track meet which was scheduled to take place next Saturday evening between the Lowell high and Newburyport high school track squads has been called off owing to a request of the local fuel administration. The members of the local squad will continue their practice sessions, however, and the meet will be held a week from Saturday evening at the Tufts street track.

ANOTHER SPANISH SHIP SUNK BY GERMANS

MADRID, Feb. 28.—The Spanish press announces today without official confirmation the torpedoing of the Spanish ship *Sarniero*. Efforts to obtain official confirmation elicited this comment: "U-boats obtained better results against Spanish shipping than against Italian and French tonnage last week."

It was reported Tuesday that the Spanish steamer *Neguri* had been torpedoed. She was the fifth Spanish vessel to be sunk by submarines in as many weeks. Available shipping records contain no information concerning a Spanish ship named *Sarniero*.

RUSH HARD AND SOFT COAL TO NEW ENGLAND

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Sixty ships are engaged in carrying coal for the relief of New England and shipments of bituminous coal for factories in that territory are being largely increased, according to reports to the fuel administration today. Several vessels were added to the coal carrying fleet this week.

Officials familiar with conditions in New England report today that while that part of the country is behind in its normal supply, there is every indication of a gradual revival in industries which were affected by the recent shortage.

FULLER ARRAIGNED BY DIES OF TEXAS

Special to The Sun

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 28.—Cong. Fuller of Massachusetts today denied he made the statement that congress had become a barometer on the ship of state. He said that applies only to useless and inactive committees. Fuller was severely arraigned by Martin Dies of Texas, who said that Fuller had made a statement on congress. Dies defended congress but acknowledged some committees do not meet often than once a year.

TO CHARTER GERMAN SHIPS PLACED AT DISPOSAL OF FRANCE BY BRAZIL

PARIS, Feb. 27.—The chamber of deputies voted today to appropriate 100,000,000 francs to be used in chartering German ships placed at the disposal of France by Brazil. The vote was 317 to 111.

Foreign Minister Pichon, in supporting the measure, said it was the first transaction between the French and Brazilian governments since Brazil broke with Germany and was a genuine demonstration of Brazil's friendship toward France. The Brazilian government, he said, had to choose between identical offers from the United States and France. Very amicably Brazil had leased the ships to France and no less amicably the United States had accepted the decision.

The agreement congratulated the entente between France and Brazil, he said. Besides, from an economic view, it was an additional bond between the two countries which M. Pichon regarded as important in view of the great future of Brazil.

RECOGNITION SERVICE FOR NEW PASTOR OF FIFTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

A recognition service for Rev. George Burton Marston, the new pastor of the Fifth Street Baptist church, was held in the church last evening, with a large congregation present to congratulate their pastor and offer him their best wishes. Present also were several local dignitaries, whose presence added materially in the success of the affair.

The service was opened by Roscoe B. Thomas, senior deacon of the church, and prayer was given by Rev. Walter B. Woodbury, pastor of the Western Street Baptist church. Appropriate hymns were sung by the choir. The direction of the service was given by Rev. Ernest Lingle, and the address was delivered by Rev. Arthur Stanley Deane, pastor of the Highland Congregational church; Rev. C. L. Fowler, Rev. Mr. Woodbury, Rev. Dr. G. E. Pickard, secretary of the Federation of Churches, and Deacon F. W. Cobb, Rev. Mr. Marston responded.

At the close of the service a reception was tendered by Rev. Mr. Marston and in the receiving line with them were Deacon and Mrs. Roscoe B. Thomas, Deacon and Mrs. F. W. Cobb, Deacon and Mrs. A. H. Vinal and Deacon and Mrs. R. W. Hollingworth. Refreshments were served in the vestry later.

DOG OWNERS PROTEST

BOSTON, Feb. 28.—Dog owners attended a hearing before the legislative committee on agriculture today to protest against a report of a special commission, which recommended revision of existing dog laws. One point that met with opposition was a proposal that any dog found to have attacked, chased or worried livestock or poultry should be ordered killed and the owner fined \$25 for each day's delay in carrying out the order. Residents of apartment houses objected to a recommendation that dogs be "kept in reasonable control" between sunset and two hours after sunrise.

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18 BRITISH MERCHANT SHIPS LOST LAST WEEK

LONDON, Feb. 28.—Eighteen British merchantmen were sunk by mine or submarine in the past week, according to the British admiralty report last night. Of these, 14 were vessels of 1000 tons or over and four were under that tonnage. Seven fishing vessels also were sunk.

The losses to British shipping in the past week show a considerable increase over the previous week, when the vessels destroyed numbered 15, 12 of them over 1000 tons. In the preceding week 19 British merchantmen were sent to the bottom.

No French Ships Sunk

PARIS, Feb. 27.—No French vessel of more than 1000 tons was sunk by enemy mines or submarines during the week ending Feb. 23. One vessel under that tonnage was lost, but no fishermen were sunk. Four merchantmen fought off submarines at sea. Entries into French ports aggregated 519 and departures 901.

Italian Shipping Immune

ROME, Feb. 27.—Italian shipping was immune from German submarines and mines in the week ending Feb. 23. One steamer beat off a submarine. During the week 419 ships entered Italian ports and 333 cleared, exclusive of fishing and other small vessels.

REPORT SINN FEINERS BURN U.S. FLAGS

LONDON, Feb. 28.—The newspapers continue to print reports of seizures of Sinn Feiners in Ireland. The police are said to be unable to prevent these acts. Among the minor incidents is a report that Sinn Feiners seized American flags which two boys were carrying in a street in Galway and tore and burned them.

Henry Duke, secretary for Ireland, has not reneged and it is understood that he will continue to lead the convention until the end. He is credited with the opinion that much of the present lawlessness is due to an organized conspiracy against the convention. It is reported that many wealthy families residing in the west of Ireland have gone to Dublin to escape the disorders.

AGREEMENT REACHED NO L STRIKE

BOSTON, Feb. 28.—Danger of a strike of union carmen on the Boston Elevated railway, which had been planned for tonight was believed to have been averted by an agreement reached by representatives of both sides last night. The union leaders who conducted the negotiations agreed to recommend at a meeting tonight that the men accept the terms settled upon with the assistance of Henry B. Endicott, executive manager of the Massachusetts committee on public safety.

The \$500 carmen demanded a wage increase of four cents an hour. It was understood that under the agreement a two cent increase would be granted at once, with a provision for a further advance.

At the conferences yesterday and last night between Mr. Endicott, Matthew C. Brown, president of the company, John H. Reardon, vice president of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees and their attorneys, both sides recognized that the contract between union and company operative until May 1, 1919, was not to be modified or disregarded.

LIVING ACCOMMODATIONS FOR SHIPYARD WORKERS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Plans of the emergency fleet corporation to provide ample living accommodations for shipyard workers are being completed today in anticipation of Pres. Wilson's approval of the \$50,000,000 appropriation recently made by congress for housing purposes.

J. Rogers Flannery, director of housing, says the expenditure of funds authorized will be in such fashion as to "absolutely protect the men from exploitation through high rentals." It is the intention of the shipping board to erect houses in the vicinity of shipyards only where suitable living accommodations can be obtained by workmen by no other means. Where improvement or expansion of transportation facilities to and from shipyards will serve the purpose this will be authorized instead of new construction.

"Wherever construction is necessary," the statement says, "the industrial shipbuilding company will apply to the fleet corporation for a loan which if granted will be amortized over a period of ten years, bearing interest at the rate of 5 per cent, payable semi-annually and be secured by a first mortgage upon the real estate upon which the development is had."

"The shipbuilding company then will acquire at its own cost and expense all hold in its own name real estate upon which the houses will be erected. This subsidiary company will have charge of the maintenance, the renting and the sale of these houses; it will be restricted in its right to pay dividends, salaries and various other expenses until such time as the loan to the fleet corporation has been entirely paid and even beyond that time for the protection of the men."

INQUIRY INTO AFFAIRS OF PACKERS RESUMED

CHICAGO, Feb. 28.—Letters mentioning the "card indexing" of men prominent in political life were expected to be the feature today when the inquiry was resumed by the federal trade commission into the affairs of the packers. These which Francis J. Heney, the commission's attorney, said he supposed reading into the record further "Zettling" excludes misanderhandling. It adds:

"It must now be assumed that there

LOWELL WELFARE CAMPAIGN

There were no startling developments in Lowell's welfare campaign this morning and the campaign total has not been increased very appreciably during the past days. It is now gathered that the majority of the \$23,000 mark. The total desired is \$39,000.

The following contributions were received this morning: Charles H. McIntire, \$25; Arthur P. Knapp, \$10; Miss Clara E. Stevens, \$5; John J. Holman, \$5; E. D. McKinnon, \$5; Arthur A. E. Rhodes, \$5.

Subscriptions reported yesterday follow:

C. Brooks Stevens	\$50
Henry L. Bourke	25
H. Hussey	10
W. H. McGowan	10
S. H. Koster & Son	7
Mary J. Varnum	5
Arthur Dean	5
W. H. Bartlett	5
C. J. Albert Evans	5
Friend	5
Lowell C. E. Union	5

TO IMPROVE LIQUOR SALE CONDITIONS

Mayor Perry D. Thompson and the license commissioners met a delegation of about 25 liquor dealers, who held licenses of the first class, at the office of the mayor and committee yesterday afternoon and discussed the question of improving conditions regarding the sale of liquor in this city.

The suggestion of the executive committee of the liquor dealers, which met with the approval of the mayor and commissioners, was that all dealers carrying out the proposition of making a deal and no trusting with a view of correcting alleged evils in the business.

The mayor announced that he heartily agreed with the dealers and left it to the committee to issue cards of instruction and in the event of failure of any dealer to co-operate and follow the suggestions the mayor and commissioners would take the matter up with him.

SAILORS COMMENDED BY SECRETARY DANIELS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Denis J. Hurley of Worcester, Mass., has been commended by Secretary Daniels for bravery and zeal. When an explosion occurred on the battleship Nebraska, January 15, Hurley in charge of the fire room immediately got his men out of the compartment which had been filled with steam and returned twice to rescue a man who had become confused and was badly scalded.

William Robert Ransford, naval volunteer, of Philadelphia, and Allen Jackson, naval reserves, of New York city, also were commended for gallant action. They made a heroic attempt to rescue Seaman W. A. Wells, naval volunteer, who fell overboard from the battleship Iowa on January 30 and was drowned. Ransford and Jackson notwithstanding the ice, dived overboard and tried to save him.

INQUEST TODAY INTO DEATH OF OVIDE LESSARD, WHO DIED AS RESULT OF FALL

An inquest into the death of Ovide Lessard was held before Judge John J. Pickman in the court of second sessions in the Market building this morning. Lessard, according to the police, called at the home of his son-in-law, Romeo Grenier, last Saturday night and refused to leave the house when ordered. Grenier, it is alleged, pushed Lessard towards the door and the latter upon reaching the steps slipped and fell down five or six steps, striking his head on the sidewalk and sustained injuries which resulted in his death at the Lowell Corporation hospital a few hours afterwards. Grenier was later arrested on a charge of manslaughter.

TRAINING SHIP BACK AFTER PUTTING CLASS ABOARD MERCHANT SHIPS

BOSTON, Feb. 28.—The United States shipping board training ship Calvin Austin docked at her base today after a week's cruise in which she touched at New York and put her first large class of graduates into positions aboard American merchant ships. The training ship returned with about 350 apprentices who have not yet finished their training, many of whom will be ready to go to the merchant marine in a few weeks. She will begin taking on new apprentices immediately.

GUILTY OF TRYING TO BLACKMAIL MAYOR

ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 28.—Mrs. Margaret Hirsch, accused of an attempt to obtain \$500,000 from Asa G. Candler, Atlanta's 67-year-old multi-millionaire mayor by blackmail will be placed on trial tomorrow. J. W. Cook, a local real estate man, indicted with Mrs. Hirsch, was convicted yesterday of a similar charge and sentenced to serve a year on the chain gang and pay a fine of \$1000, the maximum penalty, for the offense. Cook's counsel filed a motion for a new trial and March 5 was set by the court for a hearing. Cook was sent back to jail in default of \$3000 bonds.

COASTWISE FREIGHTER AROUND OFF ATLANTIC PORT—HEAVY FOG

AN ATLANTIC PORT, Feb. 28.—A coastwise freighter was around on this port today. The vessel appeared to be resting on a ledge. There was a heavy fog during the night and this forenoon.

SAYS NO FUNDAMENTAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN VON HERTLING AND WILSON VIEWS

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 28.—Chancellor von Hertling's denial of any intention by Germany to establish a hierarchy in Belgium and Livonia was the first further Zettling excludes misanderhandling. It adds:

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SWEET SINGING CHORISTERS

Musical Treat by the Paulist Choristers at Associate Hall Last Night

Fr. Finn, Conductor, Has Relatives Here—Choristers Will Sing at Camp Devens

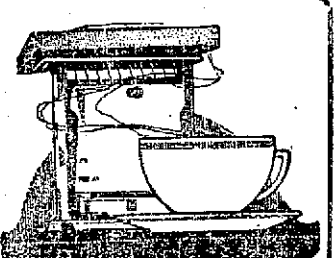
Fr. Finn and his Paulist choristers from Chicago, between 60 and 75 men and boys, were triumphant in Associate hall last evening, when they alternately soothed and thrilled an audience which filled the floor of the balcony. It was one of those seemingly unattainable evenings when music lovers are able to gather and enjoy the results of the efforts of a group of healthy men and boys whose enthusiasm and ability are ever held in control and directed admirably into channels of real art by a highly gifted leader.

Perhaps the surprise of the evening was the character of the program. The first triad of religious numbers, although admittedly difficult, was somewhat to be expected from an organization of this kind. One inevitably associates familiarity with religious numbers with a choir, and Fr. Finn's choristers were no exception last evening. They led off their program with three numbers which may be intimately described as "ecclesiastical." But later in the program, when Fr. Finn announced that a Russian group with all the wit and mysticism of modern Russia, then the audience felt the first tremors of wonder which, as the young voices swelled into the initial measures later to be made more masterly by the sonority of the elder basses, soon developed into mute admiration and later climaxed outbursts of sustained applause. As far as the choral numbers went, the Russian group was easily the evening's best innovation.

The other high lights of the evening were the soloists, four of them. Master Richard Finn, Messrs. Dunford and Egan and Master Hallisey carried the solos in several numbers and Master Hallisey, who had been hailed as the individual star of the organization, easily maintained his reputation last evening. Through all the choral numbers, even before the audience knew who he was, the child soprano—she didn't seem more than eight or nine years old—was conspicuous because of the tireless energy which she put into his work. Finally he appeared alone, and when he had concluded his famous mocking bird number he received one of the greatest ovations given to a singer in Lowell. No thrush or nightingale ever sung with clearer or sweeter tones, and Master Hallisey had a knack of throwing back his head in a pose that suggested the singing bird.

The complete program was as follows:

Emittie Spiritum Tuum..... Soloist Kyrie..... Terry Ave Maria Stella..... Farrant Ave Maria Stella..... Grieg Two Angels..... Angels We Have Heard..... Traditional I Saw Three Ships..... Traditional Master Richard Finn.



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The Day of Judgment... Rachmaninoff All Souls... Father Finn All Breathing Life... Bach (Intermission)

Tenor Arla... Selected Lullaby... Brahms The Mocking Bird... Master Hallisey

Bass Arla... Selected The Devil's Awa... Rinsky-Korsakov Kolyada... Rinsky-Korsakov

Fr. Finn's ability as a conductor is of a high order. Last evening it seemed that every movement of his face, arms and hands found immediate interpretation in the chorus before him. He knew where every note was to come from and he was at that place in time to direct its conception and development and later harmonization with other notes. Constant training resulted in the singers being almost contemptibly familiar with their numbers, but never once did they allow their familiarity to lessen their caution and "tend-to-business" characteristics.

While the majority of the choristers were young boys, nevertheless the possible chance of weakness which a chorus wholly boyish might incur was happily avoided by the presence of a dozen or so full-grown men on the tenor and bass whose tone and sonority lent weight and balance to the aspirations of the sopranos and altos. As the conclusion of the triad of religious numbers a group of Christmas carols were sung with the duany and luck of strain which hitherto had seemed almost idealistic in choral work. Master Finn's maintenance of the solo in "I Saw Three Ships on Christmas Day" was sweetly simple. The singer hadn't the least touch of affectation.

Mr. Egan, tenor, and Mr. Dunford, bass, took the solos in the "Thou Shalt Be With Me This Day" from Dubois' Seven Last Words of Christ. Their work was enjoyable and the choral accompaniment was most sympathetic.

Then came the notable Russian group with their wealth of harmony and melody of low tones which seemed to vie for the mind's eye pictures of Cossacks and peasants and Russian dancers. In other words, the singers were successful in producing an "atmosphere."

The leading figure from one of Bach's four-part motets, a number which has been attempted chorally by no other choir except those at St. Thomas' in Leipzig and St. Paul's in London, was the next number. Fr. Finn explained that this number was usually undertaken with more or less tenority but such a quality soon disappeared last evening when the singers once got into the thrills of the "chasy" music.

Following an intermission, Mr. Dunford sang several popular numbers with characteristic basso effect. "When the Boys Come Home" and "Out on the Deep" afforded him abundant opportunity for a display of his depth-sounding tones. Master William Hallisey followed with his mocking bird number which created a furore. Master Hallisey sustained lofty notes for minutes, at a time and his singing seemed to flow out of the cornucopia of harmonies supplied by the accompanying chorus.

Another enjoyable number toward the conclusion of the concert was a humorous lullaby given by Mr. Egan with a most human touch. The audience first laughed and then applauded when he had finished. His "Keep the Home Fires Burning" reminded one very much of McCormack.

"The Devil's Awa," a happy-go-lucky, swingy song, was well given by the chorus and then came a most impressive finale. At a nod from Fr. Finn the choristers stood in mass and with their hands at "salute" they poured out the ever thrilling notes of "The Star Spangled Banner." Miss Mary Anderson accompanied.

Practically every church in the city was represented in the audience by members of the various choirs. It was an evening of delight for music lovers, and if the country were to return to the city there is but little doubt that they would be received by another "full house."

Last evening a number of the young singers spent the evening at the homes of the various Lowell people, while Fr. Finn and a number of his choristers remained at the Richardson hotel. This evening the country will give a concert at the Knights of Columbus building at Camp Devens. Next Sunday they will appear in Symphony hall, Boston. The proceeds of their concert go to a fund for the restoration of villages in northern France.

Officers of the O.M.I. Cadets in uniform were ushers at last evening's concert.

Has Relatives Here

It may be of interest to Lowell people to know that Fr. Finn has relatives living in this city although the priest himself is not a Lowell boy. Miss Lizzy E. Finn of 139 Coburn street is an aunt of the director. Two other aunts, sisters of Miss Finn, who formerly lived in Lowell, are still alive. Miss Josephine Finn, formerly a well known singer in St. Patrick's church of this city, is now an invalid in the Holy Ghost hospital, Cambridge. Another aunt, Sister Mary Paulina, formerly Miss Margaret Finn, is in a convent in the south. A sister of Fr. Finn, Miss Katherine Finn, was the first wife of a Lowell man, Mr. T. P. Hall of 145 Stackpole street, formerly a member of the park commission. She died in 1878, before Fr. Finn was born. Mr. and Mrs. William P. Furlong of Coburn street are cousins of Fr. Finn. Fr. Finn, a brother of the priest who had lived in Boston, is dead.

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REMOVAL

Comrade Wm. A. Arnold has removed to Room 14, 53 Central St.

NEWS OF THE DAY IN THE POLICE COURT

Austin Gilday, who was released from jail Tuesday morning after serving a sentence of three months in jail, appeared before Judge Lurich in a complaint charging him with the larceny of an overcoat valued at \$35, the property of John H. Graham, who conducts an employment bureau at 17 Thorndike street. Gilday entered a plea of not guilty and sprung that old stereotyped story of how he received the coat from another man whom he did not know.

Mr. Graham said he had seen Gilday in his place several times yesterday. He had occasion to go to the Middlesex street station to send some men off, and when he returned to the place found that his overcoat was missing. Harry Levy, who keeps a second hand clothing store in Dutton street, said that Gilday brought a coat into his place yesterday and asked \$3 for it. Levy offered him \$2.25 and after making the purchase invited the man out to have a drink, brought him down Market street and was going towards the police station when Gilday became suspicious. Levy then said they would go through Palmer street and Gilday agreed. While passing the central fire station, Levy saw Patrolman Simon Lane and after telling the latter of the transaction about the coat, Gilday was brought to the police station where he was booked for larceny.

Gilday admitted being at the employment office yesterday, and also that he had sold the coat, but said he did not steal the garment as it was given to him by a man in the office. He did not know the name of the man. Gilday was found guilty and sentenced to three months in jail.

Other Offenders

Augustus C. Wisell was found meandering through Liberty square with an automobile tire, attached to a rim over his shoulder late last night, by Patrolman Gorgin, and when he was unable to explain where he got the tire he was sent to the police station. In court this morning he was charged with larceny from an unknown person, and at the request of the government the case was continued until next Thursday.

Edward S. Peto pleaded not guilty to a complaint charging him with receiving stolen property from an unknown person. The goods alleged to have come into his possession illegally consisted of three towels, valued at 50 cents each, 15 pounds of crackers valued at 15 cents a pound, and eight pounds of fish valued at 38 cents per pound. By agreement the case was continued until next Thursday.

Nicholas Theodorou was charged with giving false and insufficient weight of coal and entered a plea of guilty, the government agreeing to recommend a fine of \$10 on the plea. William Larocche, charged with drunkenness, was sentenced to three months in jail.

HORSE AND DOG SHOT

A white horse, the property of A. Andrews of Yarmouth avenue, fell near Mr. Andrews' home yesterday and was unable to get up. The Humane society was notified and the animal ambulance with Special Officer Gilmore responded. It was found necessary to shoot the animal. The horse had been a family pet and had belonged to Mr. Andrews for a number of years.

This morning about 9 o'clock a valuable collie dog was struck by a passing auto in front of the residence of Charles McCabe, 7 Oak street. The dog was the property of Mr. McCabe's daughter. It is claimed that the operator of the auto did not stop to ascertain what injury he had caused. Word was sent to the Humane society and the animal ambulance was soon on the scene. The officer in charge found that the animal's hip was broken and shot it. The law is very plain in regard to a driver of a vehicle stopping after striking an animal and the officers of the Humane society intend to bring offenders into court.

Expert judges. Associate, Friday eve.

FUNERAL NOTICES

HOPLEY—The funeral of Mrs. Eliza Hopley will take place Saturday morning at 8 o'clock from the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Gallagher, 847 Lawrence street. A funeral high mass will be sung at the Sacred Heart church at 10 o'clock. The funeral will be in charge of Undertaker John F. Rogers.

MILLER—Died in this city, Feb. 28, at his home, No. 17 Meadowcroft street, Mr. Anders Peter Miller, aged 53 years. Funeral services will be held from the Swedish Lutheran church in the afternoon at 2 o'clock. The funeral arrangements are in charge of Undertaker Herbert A. Simmons.

MONTELEONE—Napoleon Monteleone of Boston died Feb. 27 at the home of his sister, Mrs. C. A. Leiper, 242 Moore street. The body will be taken on the 9 o'clock train Thursday evening for St. Jean, Que., where burial will take place Saturday morning. He was 58 years, 3 months and 22 days old. He leaves to mourn his loss another sister, Mrs. Theodore Leiper of St. Jean, Que. Boston papers please copy.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of my dear mother, who died Feb. 28, 1917, inserted by her loving son, A. B. Caperton:

Ab, I miss her, Oh, how sadly. None but a loving heart can tell. I have lost her; heaven has found her. Jesus death all things well.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of Thomas Joseph Brosnan, who died Feb. 28, 1917. If we were with you till the last And held your tiny hand, And heard the last sigh from your heart, We would not feel so bad.

We did not know the pain you bore, We did not see you wend away. We only know you went away And never said good-bye.

Sadly and sorrowfully missed by his father, mother and brothers. A religious high mass will be sung at St. Columban's church, Friday morning, March 1, at 7 o'clock.

Championship waltz, Asso., Fri. eve.

SUN BREVITIES

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Members of the Junior Red Cross league of the high school who are accustomed to go to the school on Friday afternoons for sewing will not meet this week. Fuel administration rules or requests are the reason for the postponement of the meeting.

S. Wales Dixon, who has been in Lowell for the past several months in charge of war department recreation work, left Lowell this noon for Hartford, Conn., where he will resume his duties as director of recreation for the Hartford park commission.

Mustafa Shaik, residing at 155 Market street, had a narrow escape from being badly hurt shortly after 11 o'clock this morning when the automobile he was operating crashed into a tree near the corner of Westford and Wilder streets. He sustained lacerations about the face and head from glass in the windshield. The ambulance was summoned and he was removed to the Lowell Corporation hospital.

Miss Ruth Law of Cambridge, who went to Hildreth at the time of the explosion with a Red Cross unit, spoke before the members of the College club of this city yesterday afternoon. She described in detail the conditions following the explosion and said that it was a wonder that anyone had escaped. So terrible had been the havoc wrought. She said that one of the most important parts of the relief work was the re-uniting of the members of families who had become separated from each other. Another important phase of the work is the relief of the widows who were made blind by the explosion. Efforts are now being made to teach these people to be self-supporting. One of the significant phases of the disaster was the spirit of the people. They never gave up and kept themselves busy aiding the injured.

DEATHS

ABODELY—Florence, aged 1 year and 16 months, died today at the home of her parents, Francis and Rose Abodely, 72 Adams street. Burial took place this afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Edson cemetery under the direction of Undertakers Joseph Albert & Son.

DRAGON—Mrs. Henry Dragon died in Mechanicville, N. Y., Feb. 28, at home of her daughter, Mrs. Fred Stone. She was 74 years old. She was the mother of Anthony Dragon, Gilbert Dragon and Mrs. Joseph Duble of Lowell. Burial will be in Champlain, N. Y.

FRENETTE—John Cyprien Frenette, aged 54 years, died this morning at his home, 585 Merrimack street. He leaves a brother, Ferdinand in Canada and a sister, Mrs. Raymond Perron also of Canada.

GENDEAU—Dora Gertrude Gendreau, aged 3 years, died this morning at her home, 10 Hildreth street. Charles Albert and Eliza Gendreau, 31 Stone street, Dracut Centre. She was in Lowell and was a popular employee of the Lowell Electric cash store. Her parents she leaves four brothers and six sisters, namely Alice, Edwidge, Dr. Raymond, Deata, Marlitta, Corinne, Lucy, Louis, George and Alma. Funeral notice later.

HAWTHORNE—Mrs. Margaret Watson Hawthorne of 11 Dutton street, died this morning at the Lowell Corporation hospital. She was 62 years old. Her parents she leaves four brothers and six sisters, namely Alice, Edwidge, Dr. Raymond, Deata, Marlitta, Corinne, Lucy, Louis, George and Alma. Funeral notice later.

HOPLEY—Mrs. Eliza Hopley, an esteemed member of the Sacred Heart parish, died today at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Gallagher, 847 Lawrence street, aged 67 years. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. John Gallagher.

MILLER—Mr. Anders Peter Miller, a well known resident of this city, passed away early this morning at his home, No. 17 Meadowcroft street, aged 53 years. Mr. Miller was born in Sweden, where he lived until he was 12 years old when a young man, and has made his home here ever since. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Julia E. Miller; four children, Mrs. Harman Frig, of Dorchester, Mass.; Mrs. Rev. Gledley, a daughter of Mr. Vernon, Washington; Miss Ingrid J. Miller of this city; and Mrs. Ruth Pihl also of this city; one son, Harry Miller, of Minneapolis, Minn., and one sister, Mrs. Johanna Swenson of Sweden. Mr. Miller has been a valued employee of the A. G. Pollard & Co. for the past 15 years, where he has been in charge of the electric cash system. He was a deacon of the Swedish Lutheran church for the past 30 years.

MONTHLEAU—Napoleon Monthleau, aged 58 years, died last night at the home of his wife, Mrs. Charles Loupre, 242 Moore street. Burial will be in the family lot in the Edson cemetery, where the funeral services were held at the grave. Rev. Mr. H. Hallington and Rev. Mr. Johnson officiating. The funeral arrangements were in charge of Undertaker Herbert A. Simmons.

BENGTSON—The funeral of Mrs. Bertha Bengtson, wife of August Bengtson, was held from the Swedish M. E. church in Moore street, yesterday afternoon. The services were conducted by Rev. A. J. Hallington, pastor of the church, who was assisted by Rev. Mr. C. W. Johnson, pastor of the Swedish M. E. church of Boston. Miss Ida Pihl presided at the organ and the soloist was Miss Esther Pihl. The bearers were Messrs. John Castor, Carl G. Pihl and Carl R. Laurane. Burial was in the family lot in the Edson cemetery, where the funeral services were held at the grave. Rev. Mr. H. Hallington and Rev. Mr. Johnson officiating. The funeral arrangements were in charge of Undertaker Herbert A. Simmons.

CONANT—The funeral of Mrs. Jennie M. Conant took place from the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frederick H. Vinal, 676 Wilder street yesterday. The services were conducted by Rev. N. W. Matthews, pastor of the Graham Street Primitive Methodist church. The body was forwarded to Nashua and burial was in the family lot in Kingsley street cemetery. The funeral was under the direction of Undertakers Young & Blake.

DAILY—The funeral of Mary A. Daly took place this morning at 9:15 o'clock from her late home, 125 Whipple street, and proceeded to St. Peter's church where at 9:45 o'clock a high mass of requiem was celebrated by the Rev. Daniel Heffernan. There were several beautiful and appropriate floral offerings and several spiritual bouquets showing the esteem in which the deceased was held by her many friends and acquaintances. The casket was borne by the following bearers: Messrs. James J. Daly, Walter H. Daly, John Regan, Thomas McNamara, Bernard J. Daly of Virginia, and Arthur DuPresne of Stoneham, Mass. After leaving the church the funeral cortege proceeded to St. Patrick's cemetery, where the burial took place in the family lot. The funeral was largely attended and under the direction of Undertakers Higgins Bros.

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SHUTE—The funeral of Mrs. Sarah Jane Smith took place this morning at 9 o'clock from the home of her daughter, Mrs. Georgiana Davis, 40 Roberts street, at 9 o'clock. A requiem mass was celebrated at St. Columban's church at 9 o'clock. The bearers were Rev. Francis McNeil, Theodora, Mary, Louis, Andrew Wood, Edward Poye, Harry Selby, Lawrence Quinn and Arthur Davis. Burial was in the family lot in St. Patrick's cemetery, where the funeral services were read by Rev. Mr. McNeil. Undertakers were in charge of C. H. Molloy's Sons.

STUART—The funeral of Mrs. Matilda B. Stuart was held from the home of her daughter, Mrs. Joseph Watia, 349 Princeton street, yesterday afternoon. The services were conducted by Rev. Samuel A. Jackson, pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian church. The bearers were Messrs. David G. Common, Samuel T. Farrell, Charles H. Buritt and Joseph Watia. Burial was in the family lot in Westford cemetery, where the funeral services were read by Rev. Mr. Jackson. The funeral arrangements were in charge of Undertaker John A. Weinbach.

ANNUAL BUDGET

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Mr. Brown—"When I was commissioner of streets I did not buy any crushed stone."

Mr. Morse—"I know it and you didn't buy much work as I did."

Mr. Brown—"That's not true. Furthermore, I don't believe in spending Lowell's money in Winchester."

Mr. Morse—"Where do you want me to spend it?"

Mr. Brown then referred to the appropriations given the street department for the past few years, saying that the amounts have gradually increased, while the appropriations being the fire department have practically remained stationary.

Mr. Morse told of changes he made when he took up the reins of the street department, and said in four years he has saved the city \$15,000 in salaries.

Mr. Brown said in 1912 when he was at the head of the street department he saved money by manufacturing trap rock at the ledge, and he said Mr. Morse could do the same, but Mr. Morse said the commissioner was exasperated with his remarks. "I have told you before and will not repeat it again," he continued, "that the men will not work the ledge. You have given me \$130,000 and I am saved short."

Mr. Warnock said if a new crusher were installed at the ledge there would not be any difficulty in getting the men to work. The crusher is an old fashioned one and the stones have to be broken by hand before being crushed by the crusher. Mr. Warnock referred to the crusher at Fletcher's quarry.

Mr. Morse said the city's crusher is all right. He said the crusher at Fletcher's is for granite and there is a great deal of difference between the two.

Mr. Warnock—"Do they break the stone in Winchester before crushing it?"

Mr. Morse—"Yes, sir; in three sizes."

Mr. Warnock—"I would like to have you pay a visit to Winchester."

THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

The mayor spoke about the school department appropriation, and Mr. Warnock said he would not vote for any amount for the schools unless provision is made for an increase in wages for the janitors.

The discussion then shifted over to the special appropriation for schools. Mr. Warnock said there is no record at the state house in Boston showing that for 10 years even one child has lost its life in a fire in a school in the commonwealth where a janitor was employed. He also referred to the Colburn school, where on orders of the state inspector he had to cut into the walls and blackboards to put in additional doors. He said that was unnecessary for there is not a child in the building who could not step out of any window on the first floor to the ground. The commissioner referred to the recent fire at the Franklin school, saying it originated in the teacher's desk. He said the janitor was on the job and the flames were confined to one room. He said it would be impossible to have a fire in the basement of the schools, for the floors are of cement and the ceilings are of metal.

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

Richard E. Walsh, chairman of the school board, was called in to answer

a few questions in relation to the janitors. Mr. Walsh said the janitors were given an increase in wages last year.

The mayor said the janitors are after more pay this year, and he said the council felt they should receive it, but they wanted to have some assurance that if the money is voted, the increase will be given. The mayor then took up the expenditures of the department last year, the total sum being \$517,632.90. The mayor said the sum of \$20,000 was deducted from that amount, in making the appropriation, for it is intended that coal be purchased until Jan. 1, 1919, only.

Mr. Walsh said the schools have about a two-weeks' supply on hand. He said it has been planned by the board to contract for coal for the year. "We don't want to over-run our appropriation again," continued Mr. Walsh, "but we may have to if we don't purchase our coal for the year."

The mayor said if the scheme of purchasing coal until January only is carried out, the burden of coal expenditures will be on the government in office during the year. He said the government expected that the board would run the department on the same figures as last year. His Honor called attention to the \$2500 item for repairs, and Mr. Walsh said some of that money was to pay plumbers' bills. For school supplies an increase of about \$500 is being asked, and Mr. Walsh said \$2000 was for the purchase of typewriters for the high school.

The mayor said he believed it was not necessary to spend so much on typewriters. He said it could be arranged so that the machines be kept working all the time and in this manner the number of new machines could be reduced. Mr. Walsh, referring to school books, said he believed that \$1500 could be saved there.

The mayor said the purpose of cutting down on the various items was in an endeavor to increase wages. He said when he was a member of the board, the wages of the teachers were held with the understanding that they should save as much as possible on supplies, and the result of the co-operation of the teachers was very satisfactory, and he wanted to know if the same thing could not be done with the janitors.

Mr. Williams, who is in charge of the supplies for the schools, said he did not believe much could be saved by the janitors, for the cost of supplies has gone up about 50 per cent. He said \$300 might be saved, and the mayor said every little bit will count. The mayor said if the commissioners were not doing their utmost to cut down their estimates, he would not ask the school department to economize so much.

Mr. Walsh said only \$3000 has been allowed to pay plumbers for free-ups, while the bills will amount to close to \$5000. He said the only thing that saves is the closing of schools in the event of the appropriation being made too low. The mayor said there is no fear of that for the school department can get money any time.

"We did not get all we needed last year," said Mr. Walsh.

"No, but you got the equivalent of money, for you did not pay your bills," replied the mayor.

In relation to the proposed increase for the janitors, Mr. Walsh said as far as he is concerned, he feels that the janitors should get more money on account of the increase in the cost of living, but he said no provision had been made for an increase on account of the big increase in the expenditures of the department. He felt that a cut of \$20,000 on the department estimates is too much.

Mr. Warnock said the janitors employed by the state in local schools are receiving more money than those employed by the city. Mr. Williams said the janitors employed by the school department received an increase in wages in January last year, the increase amounting to about seven per cent.

The mayor said if the school department cannot save enough to pay the plumbers' bills, he would be inclined to add the difference of the bill to the \$520,000 already voted for the department.

Mr. Walsh was willing to accept the cut on the various items excepting the coal item. He said the coal is more

RESTORE FISHWAYS IN MERRIMACK RIVER

Special to The Sun

STATE HOUSE, Boston, Feb. 28.—The legislative committee on fisheries and game has reported favorably a new draft of a bill providing for the restoration of fishways in the Merrimack river at Lowell and Lawrence, the new bill being filed in the senate yesterday afternoon, and referred to the ways and means committee.

Under its provisions, the expense of installing the fishways to be borne by the Proprietors of the Locks and Canals in the Merrimack river and by the Essex company of Lawrence, except that the commissioners on fish and game are permitted to authorize a contribution from the treasury of the commonwealth if, in their judgment, it is equitable. Such contribution, however, may not exceed \$10,000.

The language of the new bill is as follows:

"The commissioners on fisheries and game acting under the power and authority now vested in them by law, are hereby directed, during the current year, to construct suitable and sufficient fishways on the Merrimack river at Lawrence and Lowell."

"The damage and expense hereby incurred shall in accordance with the provisions of law be borne by the owners of the dams located at said points on said river; provided, however, that the commissioners are hereby authorized and empowered to enter into an agreement with the owners of said dams whereby such portion of the damage and expense incurred, as may to the commissioners seem just and equitable, shall be assumed and paid by the commonwealth. Said commissioners are hereby authorized to expend from the treasury of the commonwealth for this purpose, the sum not exceeding \$15,000."

"Nothing in this act contained and no action of the commissioners hereunder shall be construed in any way as a waiver or relinquishment of the commonwealth of its rights to construct and maintain said fishways."

HOYT.

COMPOERS TO TESTIFY

CHICAGO, Feb. 28.—Samuel Gompa, president of the American Federation of Labor was expected to testify for the unions today in the stock yards labor dispute now before Judge Samuel Aleshauser as arbitrator.

Lowell's best dancers, Asso., Fri. eve.

MATRIMONIAL

George W. Chandler of Tewksbury and Miss Lillian P. Smith of this city were married Feb. 25 at the parsonage of the First Baptist church by Rev. A. C. Archibald. The couple were attended by Mr. and Mrs. E. Raymond Webster. After an extended wedding trip they will make their home in Tewksbury Centre.

Daily Bulletin from War Work Headquarters

Last Three Days of Enrolling for Shipbuilding Campaign

Closes Saturday Night

475 Enroled at Headquarters with Other Enrolling Agents to Be Heard From

LOWELL'S QUOTA 1079

Notice has been received from New England Headquarters that by Saturday night enough men will have been enroled to complete the New England quota.

Will YOU be one of those?

Will YOU put YOUR services at the call of Uncle Sam?

If so, sign up AT ONCE at

War Work Headquarters

119 MERRIMACK STREET

NOTICE

The Aggressive Stores of Lowell, the Stores Which Have a Kindly Thought for Their Employees, Close THURSDAYS at Noon, Beginning TODAY

We believe the general public is in sympathy with the closing movement and will show its appreciation by increased patronage.

MERCHANTILE CLERKS' ASSOCIATION

50,000 RUSSIAN RIFLES AND 2000 GUNS TAKEN

Balfour Replies to Hertling, Sees No Basis for Peace in Chancellor's Speech

ASKS CONGRESS TO FORCE PACKERS TO SHOW FILES

BERLIN, Feb. 28. (British admiralty per wireless press.)—Germany's military operations on the northern Russian front are taking their normal course, the German general staff announces today. Another Estonian regiment has placed itself under command of the German staff.

In Minsk the Germans captured 50,000 rifles and 2000 machine guns.

The text of the statement follows: "Eastern theatre: Operations are taking their regular course. In Estonia the fourth Estonian regiment also has placed itself under our command, to clear the country of bands overrunning it.

"In Minsk (occupied by the Germans Feb. 21), 2000 machine guns and 50,000 rifles were captured."

No Further Word from Francis WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—No further word from Ambassador Francis as to his plans for leaving Petrograd had been received here early today and Secretary Lansing when asked about unofficial reports that the ambassador and some of the other ambassadors had departed, declared the state department had no information whatever.

TO CANCEL LEASE OF NASHUA CAR LINE

DEATH SENTENCE FOR U.S. SOLDIERS

Declares Professed Acceptance of Pres. Wilson's Four Principles Only "Lip Service"—Germans Meet Resistance in Russia—Gas Attacks on American Sector—Aerial and Artillery Activity on Western Front

NASHUA, N. H., Feb. 28.—Directors of the Nashua Street Railway company met here today to consider the situation arising from a notification recently received from Wallace E. Donham, receiver of the Bay State Street Railway company, that he had decided to use his authority as receiver to cancel the lease of the local line to the Bay State. Mr. Donham gave as his reason that the line, upon which the Bay State was obligated under the lease to pay four per cent annually, was not a paying proposition.

It was understood that cancellation of the lease would become effective tonight and that the directors would try to make some arrangement for independent operation of the line.

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CLOSING RULES ARE LIFTED IN MAINE

REPORT GERMAN HOUSE AMENDS ADVANCE HALTED RAILWAY BILL

BOSTON, Feb. 28.—The death at St. Paul, N. H., of William S. Allen, indicted here two years ago for the embezzlement of \$110,000 from the Preachers' Aid society, a corporation formed to aid sick, infirm and aged members of the New England conference of the Methodist Episcopal church was announced in a letter received here today.

Allen disappeared in 1903 and although a country-wide search was made, he was never apprehended. From Montreal he wrote to a minister here saying he was a minister here and that his trouble had resulted from stock gambling.

News of Allen's death was sent in a letter to Robert Cushman, a lawyer of this city, by a lawyer at Santa Fe, who asked that an effort be made to locate relatives.

Previous to his disappearance Allen had served as clerk of the East Boston district court for 27 years and was treasurer of the Preachers' Aid society.

Allen, who was 77 years old, was a native of Connecticut and spent much of his early life at New Haven. An investigation by the grand jury in 1903 showed that his peculation extended back over a period of seven years. Before his flight he mortgaged his property and borrowed large amounts from friends.

It was not known here until today that he had been in New Mexico for several years.

PORTLAND, Me., Feb. 28.—Rules limiting the opening and closing hours of stores and restricting the use of lights in store windows and show cases, which have been in force for six weeks as a fuel conservation measure, were withdrawn today by Fuel Administrator James C. Hamlen.

All grades schools of this city which have been closed three weeks on account of the lack of coal will reopen Monday. This decision was reached today.

REFUSES TO ORDER RETURN OF JOHNSON

BANDITS WHO ROBBED POSTOFFICE SENTENCED

GOMPERS AT STOCKYARD PRIVATE PEAT ARRIVED IN LOWELL TODAY

BOSTON, Feb. 28.—The request of the federal authorities of West Virginia for the return to that state of John Johnson, a negro, indicted for count of the Mann act, was denied by Commissioner Hayes today. The government announced that the case would be appealed to the district court.

Johnson was arrested here some months ago as a fugitive, charged with assault on a white girl. Gov. McCull, however, declined to honor a requisition asked for by Gov. Cornwell of West Virginia, and he was released. The federal indictment on which the negro was arrested later, set forth that he had transported Edith Godbey, a white woman, from Charleston to Catlettsburg, Ky., for immoral purposes.

The bond on which Johnson was released immediately after his arrest would be continued, Commissioner Hayes announced, pending the appeal, which is based on his refusal to receive affidavits from citizens of West Virginia. These affidavits related Johnson's alleged presence in Charleston at the time the government charged he was in Kentucky with the Godbey woman.

AYER, Feb. 28.—John Sanjean of Cambridge, a private in Company E, 10th Infantry, charged with feigning illness and making disrespectful remarks to officers when ordered to perform military duty, was given a five-year prison sentence by a court-martial which reported today. He was acquitted on a charge of assaulting a corporal and attempting to strike a sergeant.

ST. ALBANS, Vt., Feb. 28.—Acting on instructions from State's Attorney W. H. McPeters, Dr. R. H. Stone of Burlington, state pathologist, arranged to perform an autopsy on the body of Ernest O. Oviatt of Fairfield, who died suddenly today. The physician who attended Oviatt reported symptoms of poisoning.

CHICAGO, Feb. 28.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, arrived in Chicago today to testify in behalf of the employees' side in the stockyards wage arbitration. He is to be one of the chief witnesses for the men and will, it is said, plead for adoption of the basic 8-hour day and higher wages for the employees of the packing industry.

Permission was telegraphed to Kansas City, Omaha and Sioux City, authorizing officers of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters' and Butchers' union to inspect the plants of the big packers in those cities today.

William Farris, general manager of Morris & Co., was the first witness today. He said he started with the company 23 years ago as a laborer. He read a table of statistics showing the wages paid the various classes of labor in the different plants which he said were in line with the pay of men and women performing similar work in other industries.

AVIATOR KILLED BY FALL OF 250 FEET

SEN. GALLINGER FAVORS WOMAN SUFFRAGE

GEORGE L. VON MEYER SERIOUSLY ILL

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Private Peat was wounded and gassed and invalided home. He has lost none of his old-time fighting energy, however, and he is still doing his bit, although not in the front line trenches. He is touring the country telling the young men—and others—about his adventures at the front and their significance at the present time.

The net proceeds of the lecture will go to the Knights of Columbus and the Red Triangle. The lecture has been arranged under the auspices of the Bunting club. Mayor Thompson will preside.

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OBEDIENCE THAT IMPULSE

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Interest in the Savings Department begins next FRIDAY.

This bank is under the supervision of the U. S. government.

2500 Satisfied Customers

OLD LOWELL NATIONAL BANK THE OLDEST BANK IN LOWELL

Notice

WAMESIT LODGE, L.O.E.F. N.U., will resume its regular meeting nights beginning Monday, March 11th. No meeting Friday, March 1st.

J. W. FOSTER, N.G. JOHN ORRELL, P.S.

NOTICE

SPECIAL MEETING, BRICKLAYERS' UNION, FRIDAY EVENING

All members are requested to attend. Business of importance. For order, P. J. WARRIN, Pres.

Now on the Street Floor

PORT IN FRANCE AMERICANIZED

A PORT IN FRANCE, Feb. 25.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press.) (Released today.) As far as it is possible to Americanize any French city, this case of the American armies has undergone the process since the first troops arrived last June. Collectively it talks English quite fluently—much more so than the visitors speak French at any rate—and its shops have taken on an American air.

Likewise the months have quieted the exuberance that expressed itself in jammed and crowded streets and cafes, noise and exhilaration at the time of the arrival of the first American troops. This in part can be laid to the fact that about nine-tenths of the city has been placed "out of bounds" for all not equipped with special passes; so that the "dances" and other undesirable establishments that at one time threatened to spring up have died of inanition.

Scarcely a store now but flaunts its wares with tags and comments in English, and the store keepers have profited by the constant succession of American customers to learn a fair brand of English. Nine out of ten of them at least are able to conduct a sale in English, while not one of ten of the customers could get what he wanted if he had to rely on French. Some of the English of course is ragged, and the compendium of the signs displayed in the main street shops would furnish an excellent basis for a treatise on "English as she is written." There is, for example, the "House Taking Charge of Parcels: Everyone get a received," which lies adjacent to the store featuring a model warrent, and in what the proprietor fondly believes is a "Tranche Coat." Thus a large notion and curio store, situated on a corner, has painted both facades to represent a double American flag, with a single center piece containing the stars over the door at the corner. The topmost stripe on both sides bears the inscription, "Souvenir, don't forgether." Occasionally the advertisements don't say quite what was intended, even though they tell the truth, as in the instance the sign over a store which reads, "money taken here."

Such announcements as "American breakfasts, 9 a. m. and 'ice cream' appeal.

The naval element is perhaps most conspicuous by its absence. In June and July the streets swarmed with naval officers and sailors from the battleships and cruisers that formed part of each convoy.

More and more the city has come under the vice-like control of the American authorities. No resident even may send a telegram to any point in France without obtaining it to a local censorship that has been created at the suggestion of the Americans. The censor is the local police commissioner, and he passes on all French messages that are not doubtful. Likewise his stamp is obligatory for telegrams in English, but he will not write the stamp until the American authorities have passed upon the matter.

No single individual leaves the city by train without submitting to an examination. Papers of identification, in many cases written official permission to leave, are necessary. The civilian falls inevitably into the hands of the serious French who are co-operating with the Americans, while the man in uniform, especially the American khaki wearers, are handled by our military police.

Early last July the French, at the suggestion of the Americans, laid down exceptionally severe rules for the cafes, limiting to the lowest conceivable point—for France—the hours during which men in uniform might be allowed in all public houses.

Later in the summer the French government issued rules governing the sale of spirituous liquors for all France. The two combine by changing in such a way that drinking for the soldiers is virtually out of the question at any hour—even for those limited few who are able to obtain passes to enter the "out of bounds" portion of the city that comprises all of the cafes.

The soldiers are on the whole immensely popular with the inhabitants. They are, for one thing, extremely kind to the French children, which strikes a responsive chord in the breasts of the mothers, particularly since it is not a French male custom to fondle and make much of the youngsters.

Then, too, a number of the military organizations have elbowed together and have given entertainments for French charities with not only a netted lot of money, but which have been novel and interesting. The latest of these was a negro minstrel show which brought in over \$500 for the war widows of the port.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL
The regular meeting of Lowell lodge, Loyal Order of Moose, was held last night in Odd Fellows hall. Dictator John E. MacCallum in the chair. There was a large attendance and considerable business was transacted during the evening. The feature of the meeting was the initiation of a large number of new members by the degree team under the direction of Capt. John B. Curtin. The lodge voted to drape the charter for a period of 20 days out of respect to the memory of the late brother John J. Regan. It was announced that at the next meeting of the lodge nominations of officers for the coming year would be made and judged by the number of prospective candidates. Unofficially reported contests for a number of offices will be in evidence. Under good of the order the following brothers made interesting remarks: Messrs. Charles Richards, Mose D. Boucher, Ernest P. Parsons, George Tull and Arthur Page.

FIELD UNION MEETING
A union meeting of the women of the Congregational churches was held yesterday afternoon in Kilson hall and was addressed by Miss Olive G. Gibson, assistant principal of the Schanfield Missionary Training school of Cleveland, O. Her subject was "From the Staircase to the Teaching Pulpit," or "How the Peaceful Becomes a Social Leader." She told of the missionary work done with the foreigners, and how the women who receive the training themselves become valuable missionary workers and teachers. Mrs. Arthur C. Spaulding sang.

A Pittsfield man was walking down the street recently during a wind storm hanging on to his hat with one hand and holding his coat together with the other. The gust of wind blew his glasses off and they were carried along the sidewalk for more than a block without breaking.

NEW WAISTS

Waists that will delight everyone that sees them. They are made of the finest crepe, satins and silks in simple tailored styles as well as those more elaborately decorated with pretty laces and embroidery.

Visit Lowell's Largest Waist Dept.

The Bon Marche

DRY GOODS CO.

WAR SAVING STAMPS ON SALE AT MAIN OFFICE

New Shipments of Authentic Modes in Women's and Misses' Wearing Apparel for Spring Wear Arrive Here Daily From the Style Centres of America



**New Arrivals
Are Being
Added to Our
Displays
Each Day**



SUITS

For Spring Wear

You will want to see our new suits they are so distinctive, so attractive that they can't help but be admired. The slim effects give them a most becoming charm. Those who wish to achieve the slender silhouette will find these garments made just for them. Broad and button trimmings are very conspicuous, all priced at very moderate figures.

\$19.50, \$22.50, \$25.00, \$27.50, \$29.50 up to \$45.00

New Dresses

Are exceptionally decorative. Fashion predicts a strong vogue in dresses this season. There is such a diversity of pretty styles that choosing becomes a pleasure. Each model possesses its own distinctive feature yet each blends itself so happily to the current styles.

\$14.95, \$15.98, \$16.50, \$17.95 up to \$39.50

COATS

For Spring Wear

The styles we are showing now constitute only those which have already won their way into the good graces of the Fashion Public for wear this season. The models have many attractive features and have been gathered from the style centers of America.

\$18.75, \$19.95, \$22.50, \$25.00 up to \$49.50

New Skirts

Separate skirts will play an important part in the fashionable woman's wardrobe this spring. The styles and materials are unusually attractive and decidedly different from previous seasons. Authoritative styles are being shown here at

\$4.98, \$5.98, \$7.50, \$9.95 up to \$19.95



**The Newest
Creations of
Dame Fashion
Can Always Be
Found Here**

Spring Showing of Ribbons



Women will enjoy every advantage in choosing from our large and complete assortment of new ribbons.

Extra quality Hairbow Taffeta, 6 and 6½ inches wide, in moire, plain and satin edge. Priced,.....29c Yard

Hairbow Novelty Ribbons in all the new combinations including the new rainbow shades. Priced 39c Yard

Special lot of Hairbow Ribbons, in plaids and stripes, all new combinations. Priced at59c Yard

Grosgrain Ribbons, No. 1 to No. 100, in all the wanted shades, special for millinery. Priced.....15c to 89c Yard
New Bag Frames, in plain and fancy.....50c to \$3.00
Baby Bonnet Bows, made while you wait. Priced.....30c Up
Just arrived, Ribbons for the new collars. Priced

39c to \$3.75 Yard

Black Crepe Ribbon, No. 3 to No. 80—Special for the new military hat trimming. Priced.....15c to 59c Yard

Satin Back Black Velvet Ribbon, No. 1 to No. 200, extra fine quality. Priced6c to \$1.59 Yard

Satin Back Colored Velvet Ribbon, No. 1½ to No. 100, in the new millinery shades. Priced.....10c to 79c Yard

SPECIAL FOR ONE WEEK—Commencing Tomorrow, (Friday), we will make free of charge, all orders taken for Ribbon Bags.

WOMEN'S PUMPS AND OXFORDS FOR SPRING WEAR

The new styles are here. Low shoes will be very popular this season.



Our first display of them has just arrived. They exhibit a wide range of pretty lasts, plain colors and various shades and combinations of striking attractiveness. See them and set your mind at ease on the question of what is right for the Spring season. Also note the reasonable price that each pair has been marked.

Agents for "Queen Quality" Shoes for Women



Spring Millinery

Beautiful Creations Are Now Being Shown

TRIMMED HATS—Smart models in pokes, bustle, large mushrooms, large hats with drooping brims, elan elan sailors, the very smart burnt ostrich trimmed hats, and a wonderful assortment of other trimmings consisting of flowers and fruit, wreaths of small flowers, smart bows, quills, fancies and pom poms. Priced \$3.98, \$4.98, \$5.98 to \$7.98

UNTRIMMED HATS—Most attractive line of Untrimmed Hats we have ever shown. Hundreds to choose from. Every wanted style and color at prices below the average. Priced.....\$1.98 to \$4.98

**We Accomplish Things at
Our Store
BECAUSE**

WE have great faith in the knowledge of human service and we do our best to be of use for something.

WE consider courteous treatment and thought for others as one of the greatest virtues of mankind.

WE try to help others help themselves—and we find a large reward in such service.

WE are never quite satisfied with our own efforts which makes us continually strive to do better things and more.

WE try to be cheerful in serving our customers under every condition—for we want everyone to feel a reflected happiness in us.

SILK CHIFFON VELVETS

TOMORROW we place on sale 942 yards ALL SILK CHIFFON VELVET, 40 inches wide, in the following colors: Burgundy, navy, taupe, brown, plum, amethyst, gold and rich jet black.

SPECIALLY \$3.75
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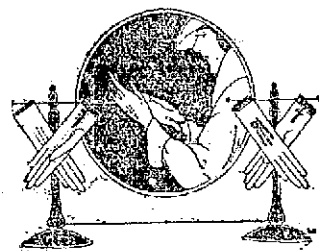
Price

\$5.98

Here is an opportunity to buy material for a gown or evening wrap at less than two-thirds regular price. These are perfect goods in any quantity you like.

Spring Showing of Gloves

There's a wonderful assemblage of them here eager to impart to you the style news you desire most.



1-Clasp White Kid Gloves, priced \$1.50
1-Clasp White Doekskin, priced \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00

Imported French Kid Gloves, in white and white with black stitching, priced.....\$2.00, \$2.25, \$2.50

Imported French Kid, in black with white embroidery, priced \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.25

Imported French Kid, in black, priced.....\$2.00, \$2.25, \$2.50

Imported French Kid, in tan, brown, mode, gray and white, priced \$2.50

Trefouse Real Kid Gloves, in gray, tan, sand and the new butter shade and white and black with contrasting stitching, priced at \$3.00

2-Clasp Gray and Mode Suede Gloves, priced.....\$2.25

Bracelet Wrist Gloves, in white, tan, gray and sand, priced \$2.50 and \$3.00

Washable Kid Gloves, in sand, gray, white, tan and putty, priced.....\$2.00, \$2.25, \$2.50

Chamoisette Gloves, in white, sand and gray, with contrasting stitching, priced \$1.25

2-Clasp Chamoisette Gloves, in white and white with black stitching, priced 89c, \$1.00, \$1.25

Children's Chamoisette Gloves, in white and gray, priced at 79c

Children's Washable Kid Gloves, in white, tan and sand, priced at \$1.50

Jewelry and Leather Goods

At 1-3 OF Regular Prices Quoted Below

Silver Party Cases, reg. price \$3.50, \$4.00 and \$5.00.

Silver Mesh Bags, reg. price \$1.00 to \$10.00.

Silver Vanities, reg. price \$1.00 to \$7.50.

Gold Filled Bracelets, reg. price \$1.00 to \$5.00.

Solid Gold Pendants and Chains, reg. price \$2.00 to \$6.00.

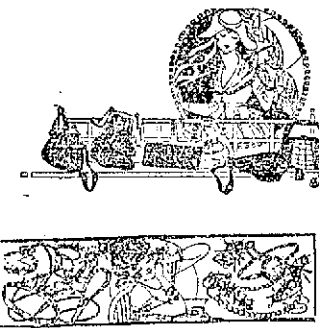
Fancy Neck Beads, reg. price \$1.00 to \$2.50.

Metal Cirdles, reg. price \$1.00 to \$6.00.

Leather Purse and Hand Bags in many styles, some fitted with purse and mirror, all silk lined, reg. price \$1.50 to \$6.00.

Velvet and Silk Hand Bags, in all colors, reg. price \$1.50 to \$18.

1-3 Off the Prices Marked Above.



JAPAN ASKS ALLIES TO JOIN IN INVASION

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Japan has directed inquiries to the entente powers and the United States government to test their feeling toward a proposal to institute joint military operations in Siberia to save the vast quantities of war supplies stored at Vladivostok and along the Siberian railroad.

Criticism at home of the failure of Japan to play a larger part in the war is said to have been influential in bringing about the negotiations.

Officials here refuse to discuss this subject for publication, but it is understood that so far as America is concerned the proposition when first broached was not wholly acceptable, though the exchanges on the subject, which are still in progress, may result in modifying the government's attitude.

Largely Japanese Munitions

Military supplies of all kinds are accumulated at Vladivostok, much of American manufacture, and even greater quantities of Japanese origin, which were delivered long before the

Bolshevik took possession of the Russian government.

The Stevens commission of American engineers made extraordinary efforts to improve the facilities of the Siberian railroad so that these stores could be transported westward for the use of the Russian army on the German and Austrian fronts.

A good deal of accumulation was removed, but great quantities remain on the docks and in warehouses, even in the open, both at Vladivostok and at points westerly on the railroad.

Fear Germans Will Get It

The material suffers greatly from deterioration through exposure to the weather and from other causes, but the principal matter of concern to the allies is the danger that the stores shall fall into the hands of the Germans, who may make their delivery one of the conditions of any peace treaty, which they are about to compel the Bolsheviks to sign.

This situation is regarded by the Japanese as warranting the adoption of some measures to secure these stores, even if this involves military action on their part.

They are quite willing to have the co-operation of the entente forces and of American troops and sailors in this object and the problem which is now before the co-belligerent chancelleries is whether Japan shall be allowed to proceed single-handed if a campaign in this quarter is begun, or whether there shall be joint operations.

Joint Operations Favored

Looking to the future, it has been argued that there should be a combined movement to avoid any such question as to the ultimate disposition of occupied territory in Siberia as might follow the exclusive entry of any one country.

From the tone of the discussion of this subject in official Washington it appears that while the entente governments incline favorably to a joint campaign with Japan in Siberia, they are faced with the obstacle that practically none of them has any troops or ships available for an Asiatic campaign.

This statement does not apply, however, to America, which not only has some powerful cruisers with large crews and marine contingents now in Asiatic waters, but in addition has about 20,000 troops in the Philippines and two full battalions, about 900 strong, in China and on the railroad where they could be rushed quickly into Siberia.

Small U. S. Force Sufficient
While this whole American force would be insignificant, compared to Japan's great naval and military resources at the scene, the participation of the American troops in the campaign would serve to maintain its international character.

The Russian representatives in Washington strongly disapprove of any campaign in Siberia conducted under Japanese auspices, even though there be joint operations, urging the belief that the Bolshevik elements struggling for control at Vladivostok and along the Siberian railroad will never permit the military stores to pass into German possession, and that they can be depended upon to prevent the seizure of railway stations by

the German prisoners of war, who are reported to have been given their liberty by the Siberian local authorities.

British Comment on Plan

LONDON, Feb. 28.—A speech made Sunday by Viscount Motono and reports from Paris as to Japan's possible activities in view of the German advance into Russia are given prominence by the morning newspapers.

The Times understands that the statement of the Japanese foreign minister is regarded in well informed quarters as an authoritative declaration on Japan's policy.

The Daily Mail says: "Gen. Foch's appeal to Japan and the United States to co-operate in confronting the Germans in Siberia is answered by Viscount Motono as far as Japan is concerned. If an allied expedition, in which Japan and America would necessarily have leading parts, could control the Siberian railway and with it the rich food raising and mineral-bearing districts of Siberia, a heavy counterstroke would be dealt to Germany's advance. Japan's service in the allied cause already is considerable; it is not impossible that he will soon add to it."

Announcement was made in Washington Wednesday that Japan had sounded the entente powers and the United States concerning joint military operation in Siberia. Negotiations on the subject between the United States and Japan are still in progress.

Woman cab drivers in London have established a horse hospital, where at all the feeding, grooming, cleaning and administering of medicine is done by women.

CROWN THEATRE

TODAY

Harold Lockwood in "The Hidden Spring"

Franklyn Farnum in "The Scarlet Car"

"Vengeance and the Woman" with Wm. Duncan and Carol Holloway
Comedy and Others

ROYAL Theatre

LAST TIMES TODAY

THE BAR SINISTER
AND OTHER PICTURES.

JEWEL THEATRE

TODAY ONLY

WALLACE REID in "A PRISON WITHOUT WALLS"

—ALSO—

ALICE BRADY in "A SELF-MADE WIDOW"

SAVAGE ATTACKS ON KAISER

Pamphlet Circulated During Recent Strike Smuggled Out of Germany

"All Over World We Are Hated—On Our Heads Rests Curse of Cain"

LONDON, Feb. 11 (Correspondence of the Associated Press)—Released today—Some of the pamphlets which were secretly circulated in Berlin during the recent strikes consisted of savage attacks on the German emperor, a fact which was admitted and deprecated recently by the German newspapers. One of these pamphlets, smuggled out of Germany, has reached the Liverpool Daily Post, which gives a literal translation, which in part follows:

"When will peace come? It will come when Germany is ready for it, and the time is approaching."

"It will come when Germany has learned the lesson of the war; when it has found, as every other nation has had to learn, that the voice of Europe cannot be denied with impunity."

"The hour of peace will strike when Germans no longer heed the makers of war; when they despise and hiss the apostles of militarism and jingoism. Peace will come when the Germans say to their emperor: 'You whom we have followed and obeyed; you for whom we have sacrificed ourselves and our dear ones; you who have not spared even our ideals and beliefs and traditions—we have sacrificed all to you—and what have we in return? Nothing but hunger and cold and nakedness, disease and death, ruin and destitution!'"

"Never before in the history of the world has there been sacrifice so great, or so willingly made. Before our heroes deeds the armies of Napoleon shrivel, and what have we won by it?"

"Two years ago the world lay at our feet; strangers from every land came to our doors; all over the world the industry of our merchants was successful. Everywhere the German spirit was welcomed and honored. Will it ever be so again?"

"All over the world we are despised and hated, on our foreheads rests the curse of Cain. Men shun us in the streets and our language is forbidden."

"We have you, Emperor William, we have you to thank that the achievements of a century of national effort have been lost. We will no longer follow you."

"The document ends with a still longer denunciation of the ambition, vanity and personal cowardice of the emperor."

Dancing 7 to 11, Associate Fri. eve.

25 PER CENT ADVANCE IN COST OF LIVING

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Another 2 per cent, added to the retail prices of food from Dec. 15, 1917, to January 15, 1918, made a total of 25 per cent, which the cost of living advanced in the year ending on the latter date.

The bureau of labor statistics today announced that 11 of 15 standard articles increased in price from December to January, the greatest advance being 8 per cent, in hens. Flour decreased two per cent, and lard, bacon and cornmeal one per cent, each.

In the 12 months from January, 1917, to January, 1918, potatoes alone registered a decline in price, being 10 per cent, cheaper. Cornmeal advanced 77 per cent, bacon, 64; lard, 63; milk, 37; hens, 20; butter, 25; eggs, 23; sugar, 18 and flour, 17.

Coal also has increased in price, according to the bureau, which takes 100 as the comparative price in 1913 and computes the price in 1918 as 115 for Pennsylvania anthracite stove coal; 116 for chestnut and 117 for bituminous and in 1913, 123 for anthracite stove coal; 122 for chestnut and 127 for bituminous.

GERMAN GUARDS AND DESERTERS IN BATTLE

THE HAGUE, January (Correspondence of the Associated Press, Released today)—A pitched battle between the German frontier guards and a detachment of German deserters who were trying to escape across the border into Holland took place a few days ago just across the barbed wire boundary.

The deserters were Alsations and were well armed. They were accompanied by a number of Belgian workmen, who also wished to escape into Holland. The Alsations had been on the Russian front throughout the war, and were just being transferred to the west.

As they approached the boundary, the German guards opened fire, but the Alsations replied promptly, killing and wounding three of the small party of guards. The others retired to seek reinforcements while the Alsations began cutting the wire, which was presently short-circuited, causing a blaze.

Before a path had been opened across the border, a detachment of mounted German military police galloped up. After a short skirmish, the guard succeeded in overpowering the Alsations. A few of the Belgian workmen, however, succeeded in getting into Holland safely.

SHIP OFFICERS HELD IN PLOT TO AID GERMANS

A PACIFIC PORT, Feb. 23.—The captain, the chief engineer and the purser of the steamship Centralia were ordered arrested yesterday by federal authorities. It was announced, after an investigation of a plot to supply Germans in Lower California, and South and Central America. It is charged also that the men uttered pro-German sentiments and attempted to obstruct operation of the selective draft.

The Centralia has been held in port nearly a week while the authorities investigated reports that her men took supplies to the Germans interned at Santa Rosalia, Lower California, and that explosives were taken to various points in Central and South America under suspicious circumstances. The men ordered arrested were:

John Benediktson, master of the Centralia; H. Hochphell, chief engineer; J. O. Orger, purser.

It also was alleged that the men tried to induce Americans subject to draft who were returning to the United States voluntarily on the vessel, to refuse to serve; that they made pro-German declarations and seditious statements.

The three men claim to be naturalized American citizens. The charges against them were made by some 27 Americans on Thursday, as soon as the vessel arrived here from southern waters, it was said.

The Centralia, it was stated, is owned by the Pollard Steamship Co., of San Francisco.

Some loving cup, Associate, Fri. eve.

LOCAL LABOR UNIONS HOLD MEETINGS

AN open meeting for the members of the city was held in Middle street last evening, and the attendance was very large. Charles Anderson presided and the gathering was addressed by Business Agent Murphy and William Johns of the international board of officers.

There was a large attendance at the regular meeting of the members of the Folders' union which was held last evening at 22 Middle street. During the business session important matters were discussed and later a smoke-talk was held during which entertainment numbers were given by Walter McLaughlin, Philip Baxter and Thomas Heley. The committee in charge of the social event consisted of John McLaughlin, Leo Hurley and William Hartley.

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DENIES BAN LIFTED ON I.N.S. IN CANADA

TORONTO, Ont., Feb. 28.—(By Canadian Press)—"There is no truth in the report that the ban has been lifted on the Hearst publications or the International News Service," said Col. Chambers, chief press censor for Canada, in reply to a question on this point. "I am aware of the fact that a report of this kind has been circulated but there is not a word of truth in it. The regulations are still being rigidly enforced both in Great Britain and in Canada."

The International News Service on February 15 sent out the following dispatch:

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The International News Service today was officially restored to the mails and cable privileges on all lines controlled by Great Britain, its colonies and its allies.

HELMAR
13 Cents

Makers of the Highest Grade Turkish and Egyptian Cigarettes in the World

On Top in Every Man's Land

Quality Superb

REPORT U. S. MILITARY PLANS SENT FROM MEXICO TO GERMAN OFFICER IN SPAIN

HAVANA, Feb. 28.—Postoffice department officials and secret service agents are examining the mail from Mexico on the Spanish liner Reina Maria Christian. The Spanish minister to Cuba, who is in charge of German interests here, is watching the inspection.

An unconfirmed rumor was current last night that certain documents from the interior of Mexico addressed to a German consular officer in Spain had been found. The documents were said to contain information relating to the military plans of the United States and Cuba against the central powers.

VOTE TO DECLARE STRIKE TO ENFORCE DEMANDS FOR A CLOSED SHOP

BALTIMORE, Md., Feb. 28.—At a secret meeting here last night local 977 of the International textile workers' union voted to declare a strike March 1 at the Mount Vernon-Woodberry Mills, Inc., to enforce demands for a closed shop.

There are about 1500 workers at the mills.

OH! THAT AWFUL BACKACHE IT'S YOUR KIDNEYS

An unhealthy body, and the unhappiness and misery which follow, may be prevented by ordinary judgment and care. Keep your stomach and kidneys in shape and you will have good health. The kidneys' work is to throw off the poisonous matters which enter the body. If they perform this work regularly and automatically, the other organs will take care of themselves.

Diseased conditions of the bladder or kidneys are indicated by nervousness, sleeplessness, that tired, worn-out feeling, dizziness, nausea, backache, lumbar, rheumatism, pain in the lower abdomen, many so-called "female troubles," severe pain and discomfort when urinating, bloody, cloudy and stringy urine, too frequent or suppressed passages. All these are nature's signals to warn you of diseased kidneys or bladder, which may lead to fatal Bright's disease.

Don't wait until the danger is upon you. Go to your druggist at once. Get a trial box of GOLD MEDAL HAZARDON Oil Capsules. They are made of the pure, original, imported Hazardon Oil. The kind your great-grandfather used. About two capsules each day will keep you toned up and feeling fine. Money refunded if they do not help you. But remember to ask for the imported GOLD MEDAL brand. In sealed packages.

THE STRAND THEATRE

MME. CALVERT Appears Daily at 3.45 P. M. and 8.25 P. M.

TODAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

The Star of "FAIR AND WARMER" and "TWIN BEDS"

MADGE KENNEDY

In the Comedy Drama in 7 Acts

"OUR LITTLE WIFE"

WM. FOX Offers

JUNE CAPRICE

In the Play of Love and Adventure, in 6 Acts

"THE HEART OF ROMANCE"

Sunday Matinee and Night, The Popular Favorite

Joseph Crehan

SATURDAY MATINEE

Muriel Ostriche Dolls

PRESENTED TO THE CHILDREN

MERRIMACK THEATRE

Pauline Frederick

in "Madame Jealousy"

She tries to separate a young couple, Charm and Valor, with the help of her servants, Treachery and Mischief, but is foiled.

FANNIE WARD in "ON THE LEVEL"

Can you completely forget your first love? Miss Ward could not in this gripping story of sacrifice.

COMEDY AND OTHER FEATURES

COMING MONDAY—"LOWELL MOVIE STARS" PICTURE

POLO Rollaway

—AT—

TOMORROW NIGHT

PROVIDENCE vs. LOWELL

Game at 8.15

Reserved Seats in Advance

OWL THEATRE

FOUR DAYS

STARTING MONDAY MATINEE

"CORRUPTION"

A powerful, enlightening photo-drama depicting the fate of a neglected girl in the whirlpool of vice.

Girls, Mothers, Sweethearts, Men,

You must see "CORRUPTION." You must know its moral. Its theme has been hidden from you for years. Such ignorance is a crime against humanity.

Miss Ann Murdock

Supported by the original cast, in a picturization of her latest Broadway success, the happy and laughable stage comedy,

"PLEASE HELP EMILY"

HELEN HOLMES in "The Lost Express"

This scientific story of intrigue is deepening in mystery.

Comedy and Other Features

Tonight Only—George Walsh in "High Finance"

OWL THEATRE

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

THE INIMITABLE AND CLEVER CHARLES FROHMAN

STAGE STAR

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WHEN MOVIES FLICKER FELT LIKE A NEW ALIEN SLACKER AND JAZZ BAND BLARES BILL PASSED

This is the ninth of a number of articles by the celebrated novelist and originator of "Get-Rich-Quick Wallingford," George Randolph Chester, world's greatest reporter; who went to Europe to tell the story of France to-day exclusively for The Lowell Sun and other members of the Newspaper Enterprise association. He is accompanied by his wife and collaborator, Lillian Chester.

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PARIS, Feb. 27.—There was a sudden noise overhead which startled us as much as a bomb could have done. We looked at each other stupidly, and then with comprehension and delight. Now we knew what we had been missing all this time; now we knew the cause of our vague unrest; now we knew what was the matter with the luncheon and tea, and dinner places; with everything. Must that be the lack of it?

Somebody up there had opened a piano, and was wildly hammering away at little snatches of everything, giggly-giggly, from Chopin to rag-time. Work? It became suddenly impossible, for we had made a great discovery; we had been as serious about the war as the war itself, which was the same thing as trying to be as big as the infinite.

Of course, we all know that the war is no joke! A man who could find real humor in this international insanity could probably have the time of his life in a morgue; but there is a well known tale of the frog which tried to swell himself up to be as big as the ox he wished to fight, and, remembering his highly scattered fate, we ceased, for the time being, to try to attain, in receptiveness at least, the dimensions of the cloud which hangs over Europe and civilization, and started out to find amusement, like dining out or a symphony concert or a lecture, but a real live amusement, such as regular restlessness Americans know.

The movies! The sign "Orchestra Cinema," with its insidious promise, in the name, of quenching the fever which burned in our veins, settled the question. It was much more like home than anything. All dark in there, and an usher with an inadequate flashlight to guide your stumbling footsteps, and a five-piece orchestra sawing away at the latest musical comedy hits from Broadway, and, besides, the same indefinable essence of air which has never felt sunlight, and the same big woman with the fat knees, who makes no more room for you to pass when she stands up than when she's sitting.

We finally found our places; seats in a danky little box for two, which they called a loge in the dense blackness a stirring and a stumbling! Somehow, madame had been inserted into one of the two front seats by a Frenchman, who, in his politeness, nobly upheld the traditions of his race; and monsieur, finding himself in two feet of unoccupied space, took a chance and sat, successively, in the same seat, for a moment, however! Out of the darkness there came the voice of the fourth occupant of the loge, a lady; she was whispering, rapidly; and she was whispering to us; but, while we have a very fair article of war French, we discovered that it was not positively no use in the dark. The French which is spoken to us needs a face to make it understandable, so monsieur, with great shame, confessed that he knew only American. Oh, very well! monsieur spoke American! Great relief in the voice of the lady, and she said, politely:

"Will you sit?"

As she seized upon monsieur's intellect, as he explained, with equal politeness, that, while it might not be apparent in the darkness, he was sitting!

Pained silence for an instant, and a slight trace of distress in the voice of the lady, as she inquired, more or less plaintively:

"Will you sit down?"

Monsieur, who is anxious to have his countrymen well reputed for politeness and accommodation, felt his ears purring, and his tongue thickening, as he explained most patiently, in two languages, or at least a language and a half, that he was not only sitting, but also down!

He began to have doubts about his physical structure, he began to feel that his estimate of his own sitting height must always have been at fault; he began to feel as tall as a house, from the chair up, particularly when the lady, now with much distress and much plainness, requested:

"Kindness, sir! Will you please sit down?"

At this uncomfortable point in the proceedings, monsieur, feeling like a brute, leaned forward to madame, and asked:

"What on earth does she want? I am sitting down, and I'm not sitting on a hat or anything! As a compromise, he asked her to sit freshly, and, at each fresh request, he did it again, until he felt like a jumping jack.

At this chaos reared in that loge, for the French gentleman and the French lady held an animated conference, while monsieur and madame agitatedly discussed the possible point at which the scene of this minute of this it seemed an eternity—while the sorely tried audience was saying "Sh!" "Sh!" "Sh!"—when madame happened to catch one intelligible word in all the rapid-fire speech, and that word was "let."

"Oh, let!" she repeated eagerly. It means "here!"

"Oul, let!" vigorously repeated the

French lady and gentleman, and they both stood up.

Monsieur stood up. Madame stood up. Whereupon, the French lady and gentleman, politely but firmly, inserted monsieur into the front seat by the side of madame, while they happily took the two rear seats, and the audience hooted; then the heaven-sent lights were turned on, and our pleasant companions, a very nice polle and his girl, explained, in most satisfactory pantomime, that they wished to sit side by side so they might hold hands; and that we, now sitting also side by side, might have the same privilege!

The wild thought flashed across monsieur's mind that, since he and madame were the late-comers, they would feel it their duty, and pleasure, to take the rear seats, but any attempt at another shift would have brought a riot from the surrounding sufferers, so it was allowed to go at that, with everybody contented.

Ah, those movies!

The first treat to unroll before our astonished eyes was a Comedie-Comique American.

Two of our best known and justly infamous acrobatic screen comedians indulged in a mad knock-about, which had no head nor tail as to plot or even incident, which left the intellect stupefied and the reason insulted.

The four of us, when the lights went up and we could see to talk, expressed our unimpaired admiration of that picture; we protesting that it was not representatively American, and they protesting that they believed it, although we could see, from a certain glimmer in the polle's eyes, that he thought he "had it on us."

Ah, but wait! The next picture was a French one, where we knew immediately by the heroine's appealing virtue by the fact that she was totally uninteresting, and that all the dramatics would go to the wicked young woman in the beautiful gowns who, in her death-bed repentance, would be ever so more sympathetic than anybody who had ever been good.

For five long reels that inane merry-go-round of temptation and fall and repentance, dragged its weary way, with nine sobbing points to the reel; but, before it was over, our eyes having become used to the gloom, we started triumphantly, and saw, in our polle's shifting gaze, that we "had it on him!"

We are happy to be able to report to the anxiously waiting American public that the movies in France are just as ghastly as they average at home; although, like at home, they are not all bad.

But the music! It was a treat to such starved souls as ours.

It was good music; and they weren't stinky with it; they saw-sawed right along, and shifted the well known classical and popular bits instantaneously to fit the varying phases of the picture, and, as the picture progressed, and saw, in our polle's shifting gaze, that we "had it on him!"

We found ourselves humming, too, fragments of long forgotten airs, as we swung along the boulevard; and our footsteps were lighter and our hearts were lighter, and for a little time we forgot that there was a war, as did the polle on leave.

More music, we must have more music!

What should it be; heavy opera, waterweight or featherweight, which last is better known as musical comedy? Guess, and you'll guess rightly if you can put yourself in the position of those who have sometimes liked music with their meals. A kind French gentleman, who runs a theatre ticket agency, told us about a revue which had a Broadway chorus; and we shall like him all ways!

The show was all right. But listen. At the close of the first act, they introduced a regular, genuine, imported jazz band, known as a "shaboo!"

We sometimes used to sniff a little at that music back home; we used sometimes to think it was low and common, and all that; but, goodness gracious! it was like a sight of the Statue of Liberty, and the tall buildings along the Battery, and the Broadway tranches, and the other dear delights of home!

That jazz band played again from a balcony out in the big promenade foyer, all through the long intermission, played licks—spills, thumpy-thump-whang, bang, slam, with the triangles and the bells and the big bass drum, and some saxophones for the well known musical effect!

There were people of all nationalities and all classes; but whether they were English, Americans or French, or just assorted, the effect was the same.

Eye sparkled into eye, and gleeful smile answered gleeful smile, shoulders swayed and feet irresistibly lifted in time to the music, despite the slow shuffle compelled by the packed crowd.

But the most joyous faces we saw were those of a group of queer looking polles, with the lower corners of their overcoats pinned back, and big wrinkled boots, and boards growing almost any place.

They stood stolidly and had a general air of elderly negligence, which was striking, to say the least, for soldiers; but the most striking thing was the joyous gleam in their eyes!

We asked an American officer about them, a doctor who has seen a lot of them. He laughed.

"Oh, they don't care much about the finer points of drill and dress parade. They can't do anything but that fight. Their entire regiment was decorated. They're getting their first lay-off in two years. They're from Verdun!"

After Taking Only One Box Of 'Fruit-a-lives'

EAST SHIRT HARBOR, "It is with great pleasure that I write to tell you of the wonderful benefits I have received from taking 'Fruit-a-lives'. For years, I was a dreadful sufferer from Constipation and Headaches, and I was miserable in every way. Nothing in the way of medicines seemed to help me. Then I finally tried 'Fruit-a-lives' and the effect was splendid. After taking one box, I feel like a new person, to have relief from those sickening Headaches'."

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DEATHS FROM GAS SHOW BIG JUMP IN N.Y.

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—The number of deaths due to illuminating gas poisoning in New York city during the last eight weeks has been 232, according to figures compiled by the bureau of records of the health department. This is eighty-seven more than in the corresponding period last year, when there were 145 fatalities from the same cause.

Figures for the eight weeks covered by the report show that twenty-six died the first week this year, in comparison with sixteen last year. The maximum record was reached in the second week, when there were forty deaths. There were only eighteen during the corresponding week in 1917. The third week brought thirty-one deaths, as against seventeen for the same week a year ago. There were thirty-three fatalities for the fourth week in this year's record and four eleven during the same time in 1917.

The fifth week showed a total of twenty-seven deaths this year and seventeen last year. For the sixth week there were twenty-four deaths, as against thirteen in the previous year. The figures for the seventh and eighth weeks respectively were thirty-five and sixteen for 1918, and thirty-one and twenty-two for the corresponding time in 1917.

Health Commissioner J. Lewis Amster wrote yesterday to Gustav A. Straubmuller, acting school superintendent, requesting aid in instructing the public regarding the danger of illuminating gas poisoning and how the peril may be avoided. Mr. Amster said that investigation by inspectors of the department showed that virtually all of the deaths could have been avoided had the danger been better understood and simple precautions observed. He asked that principals and teachers give their pupils the following instructions:

"Beware of small leaks about gas stoves or gas brackets. The constant inhalation of small quantities of illuminating gas acts as a chronic poison, producing headaches, anemia and even more serious symptoms."

"Do not leave the gas burning all night, and beware of a flame that is turned very low. Many fatal accidents have occurred because the gas flame was blown out by the wind while people were asleep."

"Use flexible metal tubing instead of rubber tubing for connecting gas stoves. It is altogether safer and less liable to spring a sudden leak."

"Keep the windows open."

COMMITTEE HERE ON SOCIAL HYGIENE

In order to reduce social evils in Lowell to a minimum a committee on social hygiene composed principally of local medical men has been appointed under instructions from the medical advisory board of the army and navy. It will co-operate with the state board of health, the police, the principal authorities and police department.

The great desideratum of the organization is to reduce as far as possible whatever social evils may exist in this city and which are detrimental to the physical and moral welfare of the soldiers at the Ayer cantonment. It is planned to give lectures to the public, the police, and the residents to furnish clues to questionable resorts in the city and these clues will be followed up. People who are found afflicted with communicable disease will have to undergo medical treatment.

The committee will meet from time to time, yesterday afternoon a meeting was held and the following were present:

Dr. G. Forrest Martin, chairman of the committee; Dr. Charles E. Simpson of the state board of health; Dr. Marshall L. Alling, the medical examiner; Dr. Harold R. Plunkett, John E. Drury of the board of health; Henry H. Harris, who will act as secretary of the committee and Charles B. Rodway.

OUR FOREIGN TRADE IN JANUARY

January imports were valued at \$235,000,000, an increase of \$7,000,000 over December, but exports showed a falling off of \$50,000,000 from the very high figure of \$554,000,000 recorded for December.

According to a statement issued today by the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce, department of commerce, the imports for the seven months of the fiscal year ended with January were valued at \$1,654,000,000 as against \$1,548,000,000 for the corresponding period for the previous year. Exports for the seven-month period totaled \$3,348,000,000 as compared with \$3,616,000,000 for a similar period the year previous.

Gold imports in January were \$1,404,000 and for the seven-month period \$7,894,000. Exports were valued at \$2,746,000 in January and at \$11,156,000 for the seven months ended with that month.

The imports of silver in January totaled \$5,191,165 and for the seven months \$31,126,000. Exports in January were valued at \$6,525,000 and for the seven months ended with January, \$35,022,000.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—The so-called alien slack bill, to bar from citizenship and authorize deportation of aliens of draft age who claim exemption from military service and authorizing the drafting of all aliens for agriculture or manufacturing work, was passed by the house last night by a vote of 33 to 2. It now goes to the senate.

The administration opposes the bill on the ground that it would embarrass the government in negotiating treaties with the belligerents, providing for the drafting of their nationals resident in this country. Such treaties with Great Britain and Canada, have been signed and those with France and Italy are about completed.

The bill is applicable only to citizens of countries at war with Germany who are eligible to American citizenship, and provides not only that they shall be barred from citizenship in the United States but that they shall be deported as soon as practicable.

The immigration committee, in reporting the bill, and speakers in the house yesterday said it would not be possible to deport an appreciable number of affected aliens any time soon, as ships to carry them would not be available.

Rogers' Amendment Decried

Before passing the bill, the house defeated, 235 to 133, an amendment, by Rep. Rogers of Massachusetts, which provides that the act should not supersede any existing treaties which stipulate that the United States shall not subject the nationals of a treaty country to compulsory military service. This amendment had been agreed to a week ago by the house sitting as a committee of the whole.

During debate yesterday, Chairman Flood of the foreign affairs committee and Rep. Temple of Pennsylvania, a member of that committee, said the bill did not violate any existing treaty. Mr. Temple insisted that the country had the right to say that an alien who would not assume the country's burdens should not enjoy its privileges. Mr. Flood was one of those voting against the bill.

COUNCIL MEETS TO DISMISS PASTOR

The council of ministers and laymen called to dismiss Rev. Raymond G. Clapp from the pastorate of the First Trinitarian church met yesterday afternoon at the First Congregational church. Rev. E. C. Bartlett of Dracut was elected moderator, and Rev. William F. English, Jr., was elected scribe.

The council examined the records of the church relative to the pastor's resignation and also heard a statement from the pastor in person. All records and matters pertaining to the resignation were deemed satisfactory and the council dissolved the pastoral relation. The following ministers and delegates were present: Rev. Bartlett, church, Rev. A. C. Lyon, Deacon A. M. Hoot, First church, Deacon J. W. Griffin, Eliot church, Rev. H. A. Barker, Kirk Street, Rev. W. F. English, Jr., J. V. Carey, High Street, Deacon D. L. Page, Deacon E. W. Clark, Highland church, Rev. A. S. Beale, Central church, Dracut, Rev. E. C. Bartlett, Mrs. Lavina Colburn, Townsboro, Rev. Henry B. Mason, Mrs. Mabel W. Cameron.

A committee consisting of Rev. A. S. Beale and Rev. W. F. English, Jr., was elected to draft a set of resolutions expressing the sentiments of the council. This committee reported resolutions which were adopted expressing the esteem in which Rev. and Mrs. Clapp are held in the city, appreciation of the faithful service Mr. Clapp has rendered not only to the church which he has served for the past five years, but also for the interest he has manifested by engagement in many public efforts and enterprises, and also wishing Rev. and Mrs. Clapp Godspeed. Members of the council expressed the most cordial regards to the pastor and his family in regard to the splendid and efficient pastorate thus brought to a close. Rev. Mr. Clapp resigned at the time the First Trinitarian church united with the First Congregational church. He has entered the Y.M.C.A. Red Triangle service and is at present stationed on Dunkin Island in Boston harbor.

Farewell Reception

Rev. and Mrs. Raymond G. Clapp were tendered a farewell reception at the First Congregational church last night. The reception was followed by a brief service of consecration, conducted by the Federation of Churches, at the conclusion of the reception Mr. Clapp was presented a purse of money, the presentation speech being made by Hector Turnbull. Miss Margaret Sumner presented Mrs. Clapp a bouquet of roses.

The Lenox Ladies' orchestra played during the reception, giving a fine program largely made up of patriotic airs.

AMUSEMENT NOTES

Note.—Below is what the press agents of the different theatres say of the current attractions and of others to come later.

B. F. KEITH'S THEATRE

Ten lively men are the Bognanney Jannick Bakers, who constitute the feature act of the bill at the B. F. Keith theatre this week. They offer a bewildering array of difficult twists and turns and dives and jumps. No other act of its kind has so much resembled a three-ring circus; there is something going on all of the time. Benise and Baird, in "A Bit of Scotch," offer the drollest sort of comedy. Benise is a jolly little fellow, while Miss Baird is straight from the land of the heather. "The Three Chums" present a singing and instrumental act of more than average excellence. "The Heart of Romance," in which the star will appear in a dash, and the harmonies offered are well done. Lee and Bennett, dancers and funny folk, are favorites, and the Gerards have a novel instrumental act. Weston & Young sing and chatter. This week's picture is "Rose of the World," with Elsie Ferguson in the feature role.

THE STRAND

Madge Kennedy and June Caprice, two of the most popular screen stars of the present day, are to be featured on the program at The Strand for the week-end, beginning with matinee tomorrow. The new Grand Revue of the latest Gaiety pictures, entitled "Our Little Wife," Miss Kennedy, who has appeared in such well known stage successes as "Twin Beds," "Fair and Warmer," will be seen to particular advantage in this latest picture. Captivating June Caprice will be seen in a Fox film called "The Heart of Romance," in which the star will portray the role of a lovable rich girl. The story is that of a young girl who is in love with Elsie Jackson (June Caprice). He is poor and Elsie's guardian (Mrs. B. F. Keith) is of her wealth than of her. To test the young man's sincerity he puts him to several tests. He proves himself the man and wins out in the end. See the picture and learn for yourself how he succeeds. The Keystone comedy will be "His Punctured Reputation," and the new Grand Revue will include several new views on current events of the week. The musical features will be up to the usual high standard of the past.

Anyone who tries this pleasant tasting home-made cough syrup, will quickly understand why it is used in more homes in the United States and Canada than any other cough remedy. The way it takes hold of the inflamed membranes that line the throat and air passages, stops the annoying throat tickle, loosens the phlegm, and soon your cough stops entirely. Splendid for bronchitis, croup, whooping cough and bronchial asthma.

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To avoid disappointment ask for "2 1/2 ounces of Pine" with full directions and don't expect a cheap imitation. It is absolutely authentic and is promptly refunded goes with this preparation. The Linex Co., P. O. Weymouth, Mass.

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Black Overcoats and Black and Blue Suits included.

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U.S. OFFERS TO BUILD SPAIN'S RAILROADS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Rehabilitation of the Spanish railroad system is planned by the United States to make possible the shipment of large quantities of mules, blankets and other supplies from Spain to Gen. Pershing's forces in France.

An offer of American railway materials has been made as a part of negotiations the United States is conducting to induce Spain to lift her embargo against the shipment of goods into France, placed, according to the Spanish government, because of the broken-down condition of her roads.

While a final agreement has not been signed, a conclusion of the negotiations, it was said yesterday, is near and Spain has been notified that the six Spanish steamers and three sailing vessels held in American ports are free to sail as soon as they discharge the parts of their cargoes for which licenses have been denied or revoked.

The American government in its latest proposal has asked for the use of considerable Spanish tonnage on terms similar to those on which it obtained ships owned by the northern

European neutrals. This would be paid for at a high rate and used by the United States in the non-hazardous trades mostly.

The war trade board's plan for reducing imports calls for a considerable cut in the importation of Spanish products. This, in the view of officials, should release a number of Spanish ships which the American government could charter.

The Spanish railroads have been in poor condition for a long time. Cut off to a large extent from materials to make repairs, the government has been unable to keep the roads efficient.

The United States will let Spain have general railroad supplies and particularly parts to put Spanish locomotives in good repair. A shipment of lubricating oil for immediate necessities already has been authorized.

The American proposal would give Spain adequate supplies of cotton and petroleum and such other commodities as the United States feels it can spare.

King Alfonso has taken a personal interest in the negotiations and has helped smooth over difficulties. The friendly action of Spain in assuming charge of American interests in Germany, it is declared, has influenced the American government toward adopting a liberal policy.

A carrot with a valuable gold string, ring round the middle of it like a ring round the middle of an English garden. The owner lost the ring months ago.

Millions Use It For Colds

Because "Pape's Cold Compound" relieves cold or gripe misery in a few hours—Really wonderful!

Don't stay stuffed-up! Quit blowing and sniffing! A dose of "Pape's Cold Compound" taken every two hours until three doses are taken will end gripe misery and break up a severe cold either in the head, chest, body or limbs. It promptly opens clogged-up nostrils and air passages; stops nasal discharge or nose running; relieves

sick headache, dullness, feverishness, sore throat, sneezing, soreness and stiffness. "Pape's Cold Compound" is the quickest, surest relief known and costs only a few cents at drug stores. It acts without assistance, is safe, and causes no inconvenience. Don't accept a substitute. Insist on "Pape's"—nothing else.

Write to the boys "over there."

If the Fletcher street cars could cross the water they would make the safest transporters ever, for the Germans, like ourselves, would never know when they were coming.

"Real March weather," said a young man to a friend, "is just what I need. 'Doesn't seem to be bothering you much,' remarked the older 'Why aren't you marching with the rest of them?'"

If there's anything to the old saying that "he who whistles at night talks with the devil," a certain fellow who bunks not far from our dugout must be on pretty intimate terms with the Kaiser's double.

Judging By Results

"I have already had eight days' vacation," said a medical man to some friends in London.

"Yes," said one of the party, "it has been announced in the local newspapers."

"Ah," said the doctor, feeling his importance, "in what terms?"

"Well, as far as I can remember, in these: 'There was last week 70 deaths fewer than the week before.'"

—Stray Stories.

His Soul vs. Baby's Rest

After a chat he got up and absent-mindedly walked about his gray-haired aunt's "sitting room," whistling as he wandered. He was thinking of tomorrow's job.

"Please don't whistle," said the old lady.

"Oh, excuse me, aunt," he returned. "I didn't know it disturbed you."

"It's not that, sonny," said the hostess. "It's the danger you run. Haven't you heard the old saying, 'He who whistles at night talks with the devil?'"

Surprised by the old lady's superstition, he considered.

"I'm afraid I'm lost, aunt," he said at last with mock horror. "You'll have to try to find me for me. When Tommy (that's his nine-months-old baby) wakes up around midnight, he won't go to sleep till I whistle 'Yankee Doodle' to him."

Now aunt is torn between desires—one to save her favorite nephew from the brimstone pit, the other to rest easy that "the best baby in the world" shall not cry all night. As yet, she has been unable to hit upon advice to cover the emergency.

One Act Tragedies

Scene—Dining room.

Time—6 p. m.

Principal—Family at dinner.

Ma—"Well, I used up the last spoonful of sugar in the apple pudding—so we'll all have to go without any in our coffee. I've asked for sugar in my coffee, but they're not sure when they'll get any. In they said they've got me second on the list when they get some."

Rest of family—"Aw, gee! I can't drink coffee without sugar. Haven't you got any corn syrup or brown sugar even? That spoils my supper with no sugar in my coffee. I don't know where there should be a shortage in sugar," etc., etc.

Ma—"Well now we'll have to make the best of it. There's no sugar so that's all there's to it."

The family grumble and manage to drink up coffee with frowns, as though it's medicine. They finish meal and leave table. Pa gets paper and goes in parlor. Big son goes upstairs to get ready for a date. Ma and Sis clean up table and wash up dishes. While putting dishes in china closet, Sis makes a discovery—too late.

Sis—"Maw! What do you think? Here's the last sugar bowl half filled with sugar! Now, wouldn't that," etc., etc.

Curtain.

A Modern Instance

She was a plain, unassuming little woman, one of hundreds who come into newspaper offices in the course of a busy day.

Penelope for the Belgian children she had brought, she said, as she approached the woman who received contributions for the war sufferers of Europe at the office of the Milwaukee Journal.

"These were saved by my little boy," she declared as she handed them over and stood silently by for them to be counted.

Sixty-five there were of them, some shiny and new, others dulled from lying for months in the small hoard. Perhaps penelope's not slow rapidly into the hands of the little banker for charity.

"Now, may I have his name?" asked the Journal helper who took the pennies.

"I'd rather not," said the mother. "I didn't want to publish it." It was explained. "I wanted to know it so I might send him his pin, such as all get who aid the Belgian children."

"He's dead," the woman whispered as she fled through the door without looking back, lest other eyes see the sob that shook her frame.

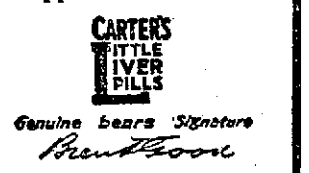
From his desk the busy editorial worker looked up at the vanishing form. It had all happened so quickly that it took him several moments to comprehend. And as he stared at the helper across the room, on whose face was written the pained expression that came with the consciousness of having unintentionally revived a mother's



is a healthy, active, industrious liver. Small doses, taken regularly, insure that.

Maybe You Need a purgative sometimes. Then take one larger dose.

Keep that in mind; it will pay you rich dividends in Health and Happiness.



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LOWELL'S POLICE PROBLEM

The Lowell Sun explains the predicament Lowell finds itself in as a result of the action of General Lodges, commandant of Camp Devens, who refused to let any soldiers not residents of Lowell to visit the city, by admitting that the police department of the city has been divided into two camps by politics. It seems that as a result of politics a select squad of police looks after the liquor law enforcement, another looks after vice suppression and the rest of the department is apparently kept in ignorance of general violation of both kinds. The Sun errs when it claims that Lowell alone suffers from such a system. Holyoke has suffered from a similar system in the past. It was only a few years ago that a Holyoke police officer was despatched by a desperado for whom the detective department of the city had been looking for several days. The man had been seen in the daytime by several patrolmen and might have been arrested without any such near tragedy if there had been a system by which the fact that the man was wanted had been passed out at roll-call to the whole department.

Wheels within wheels in police departments do not help at all. The police officer who conceals information of value to the entire force in the hope of making an important arrest himself is not doing the right thing by the city that employs him.

The Sun does not take kindly to the suggested plan that Lowell establish a vigilance committee that will restore good moral conditions and their argument is sound enough. The Sun says: "There has been some talk of a vigilance committee of citizens to deal with the soldier question. That would be an admission that our police department is unable to cope with local conditions and an admission also that the false charges made relative to the need of a vigilance committee is the police department be utilized, as it should be to enforce the law. We should have some police authority in Lowell capable of defending her good name against attacks calculated to lead outsiders to believe that Lowell is a city given over to riot and disorder."—Holyoke Transcript.

FULL POWERS TO PRESIDENT, RECOMMENDS NATIONAL CHAMBER TO ITS 500,000 MEMBERS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 28.—The endorsement of the Overman bill giving the president full powers to centralize control in any way he sees fit, was recommended today by the board of directors of the United States chamber of commerce to the more than 1,000 members of commerce and other industries, manufacturers and business men in direct marketing (male), salary, \$1200 to \$1800 per annum; assistant inspector of fabrics for pneumatic tires (male), salary, \$1200 to \$1800 per annum; inspector of military trucks (male), salary, \$1800 to \$2400 per annum; assistant inspector of motor vehicles (male), salary, \$1200 to \$2000 per annum; inspector of clothing (male), salary, \$1050 per annum; examiner of clothing (male), salary, \$1050 per annum; assistant in direct marketing (male), salary, \$1200 to \$1800 per annum; assistant inspector of machine guns (male), salary, \$1200 to \$1800 per annum; assistant inspector of artillery wheels, assistant inspector of gun carriage forgings, assistant inspector of castings and assistant inspector of steel mill products (male), salary, \$1200 to \$1500 per annum; assistant inspector of mechanical and structural steel draftsman (male and female), salary, \$450 to \$650 per diem; inspector of small arms (male and female), salary, \$1600 to \$2400 per annum; assistant inspector of small arms (male and female), salary, \$800 to \$1600 per annum.

March 6—Scientific assistant (male), salary, \$900 to \$1200 per annum; lay inspector, grade 1 (male), salary, \$540 per annum; veterinarian (male), salary, \$1500 per annum; clerk, salary, \$360 to \$1200 per annum.

March 1 and 2—Watchman (male), salary, \$720 per annum; elevator conductor (male), salary, \$720 per annum; inspector of legging, salary, \$1200 per annum.

March 13 and 14—Forest assistant (male), salary, \$1100 per annum; March 15—Forest biologist (male), salary, \$1800 to \$2400 per annum; assistant coal mining engineer (male), salary, \$1500 to \$2400 per annum.

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THE AMERICAN BOLSHEVIKI

The time has arrived for taking a more serious view of the war and closing up the ranks of the people at home to stand behind the army of the United States and those of the Allies in one of the most momentous struggles of all history. Just because Germany threatens Petrograd and has Russia at her feet, some pessimists may be led to conclude that she has proved her invincibility. But if she be not beaten in the present war, she cannot be beaten at all until she falls to pieces through her own moral rottenness.

The entrance of Japan into the Russian arena has great significance. In addition to this the coming to this country as ambassador of Japan that well known and popular statesman, Count Ishii will vastly aid in bringing the United States and Japan into such a close bond of friendship as will greatly strengthen both by co-operation and consequently aid the cause of the Allies.

Japan is at present a nation of vast resources and great fighting strength. By her action in Siberia and nearer Petrograd, if necessary, she will not permit the Germans to exploit the entire country as they had hoped to do. This new victory will help to stimulate the people of Germany and Austria, now weary and sick of the horrors of war, but that will not bring peace. The Allies must get in upon German soil and force the fighting there before Germany will agree to any terms upon which a permanent peace could be secured.

Should the Entente be compelled to make a compromise peace, Germany would at once proceed to build up a fleet that would beat that of England and in ten or a dozen years she would be ready for another war in which she would have a greater man power to draw from and much greater material resources of every kind. During this period, the other nations ravaged by war would be engaged in reconstruction work, while Germany not having suffered territorial despoliment as they have, would go on with her military preparations.

Under such conditions every other country in the world through dread of pan-Germanism would have to adopt universal military training and prepare for a war in which would come the final fight with Germany for the preservation of the world from her cruelties and domination.

Therefore, it is better now to fight Germany to a finish. That is why all the disaffected elements in this country must be corralled and if necessary segregated so that they cannot interfere with the successful prosecution of the war.

The I. W. W. which is the very worst form of what is known in Russia as the "Bolshevik" must be stamped out, so that it can no longer carry on its secret plots against the government headquarters at Portland, Ore. The government has thus far been too lenient with offenders of this stamp who have been secretly plotting against us; but in view of the more menacing character of the task to be undertaken, the firing squad should be brought into action if necessary to rid the country of traitors who are continually working against the government through the various forms of disloyal propaganda and secret plottings such as Barnstorff and his band of spies started before their expulsion.

Commissioner Garfield has advised the people of the country to lay in their supply of coal for next winter in the usual way. With their experience this season in mind, such advice seems unnecessary. Nobody who suffered from the coal shortage this year will want to repeat the experience.

That was a most regrettable occurrence at Camp Devens in which Corp. Timothy J. Daley of Waterbury, Conn., was accidentally killed during bayonet practice. Such accidents undoubtedly result from the rush with which the training is being pursued in the various camps.

In the Prussian code there is no such terms as "justice" and "morality," except to be used in the hypocritical sense. Every principle of either has been violated in the most outrageous manner.

The government has watched these men and knows just what it is doing. It knows to what an extent the German propaganda has worked its way into the government in all its activities and even, it is believed, into the fighting forces of the nation. If such men were placed in the trenches, they might betray the U. S. forces to the enemy and thus do irreparable harm.

This exclusion of men who expressed a desire to fight for the United States, may be very unjust to some, but it is necessary in order to protect our forces against alien enemies in their midst. Only the department of justice whose officials have done splendid work in hunting down the German spies really knows to what an extent the German plots and bribery have permeated this country. Even among civilians, German money has purchased thousands of shouters for the "Fatherland" in this country and has paid men for preaching opposition to war, for stirring up labor troubles, and propagating hatred of England. These various movements are still in progress and are embarrassing our government and helping the enemy. No wonder the government is determined to make sure that the army and navy are free from traitors. After the wedding out process is finished in the army, it will be necessary to deal with the civilian traitors.

GUARDING AGAINST TRAITORS

All the Germans and Austrians of Camp Devens have been sent home and the other cantonnments it is presumed will also be cleared of alien enemies. These men had apparently shown an interest in the work of the camp and many of them showed talent and ability but that did not prove that they would fight for the United States in preference to the countries of their nativity.

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